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Albany to make Target decision

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — The city's reinestment agency will decide hether a Target will be built on astshore Highway at a meeting n Monday.

Target has been the subject of ebate in recent weeks. City ofcials, the Albany Chamber of ommerce and some residents upport the project, which would liminate blight and generate undreds of thousands of dollars n sales tax revenue.

Other residents are ambivaent about the project, questionng its effects on everything from affic to the city's small-town haracter.

Others opposed the project.

"This (project) will have a uge negative impact on the uality of living in Albany inuding problems with traffic and he ambiance of that area of own," Albany resident Julie awrence wrote in a June 10 eail to the city. "There is a Target less than 10 minutes away in l Cerrito. I don't see the need or another one and I am apalled at the idea of Albany turng into a strip mall like El Certo Plaza ... "

"I think bringing Target to Alany is a great idea," Alexandra ardie wrote in a June 9 e-mail. The Eastshore Highway is the erfect location for a Target ore. I shop at Target and I ould much rather be paying xes for my town instead of nole or El Cerrito."

The Chamber of Commerce as said the store will help the ty's small business district by enerating sales tax revenue that ill allow the city to continue roviding services to the area ithout making cuts or raising ty taxes.

Target wants to build on a .24-acre parcel bordered by odornices Creek, which sits in

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MEETING

The Albany Reinvestment Agency will consider approving a Target store for Eastshore Highway at its Monday, July 7 meeting. The agency will meet at the City Hall Council Chambers, 1000 San Pablo Ave, at 8 p.m. For information, call 510-528-5760.

FRONT PORCH FLAG

SHERRY LAVARS/STAFF

EL CERRITO native Craig Elman, shown with his dog Duke, displays an American flag on his front porch. He's not the only one being patriotic: El Cerrito, Albany and neighboring cities plan a full schedule of activities for today's Fourth of July celebration.

Bursting July 4 myths

By Martin Snapp
STAFF WRITER

Almost everything we think we know about July 4 and the American Revolution is wrong. For instance:

■ We're celebrating on the wrong day. John Adams, always said the big party should be on July 2, the day Congress adopted the resolution "that these colonies are, and ought to be, free and independent states." They didn't sign the Declaration on July 4, either. John Hancock affixed his, uh, John Hancock on Aug. 2.

■ Jefferson wasn't the first choice to write the Declaration. The early favorite was Ben Franklin, but John Adams vetoed him, saying, "He'll probably try to put a joke in somewhere."

The second choice was Adams, but he vetoed himself, too. As he explained to Jefferson, "I am obnoxious and disliked, and you are not. Besides, you are 10 times better a writer than I am."

■ The Liberty Bell didn't ring to celebrate the Declaration of Independence. Yes, it was hanging in Philadelphia's State House at the time. But no one thought of ringing it. No one called it the Liberty Bell, either, until 1839, when the phrase appeared in an anti-slavery pamphlet.

■ Betsy Ross didn't make the first American flag. That story was made up by her grandson. After the war, Congress gave credit to a man named Samuel Hopkinson, but he didn't do it either.

The Stars and Stripes actually evolved from the British Union flag. And despite what they told you in grammar school, the red doesn't stand for bravery, the white for purity, etc.

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FOURTH OF JULY EVENTS

All events listed below are for today, July 4.

ALBANY

The city's holiday celebration will take place on the north side of Memorial Park and in the amphitheater area of Albany High School, 603 Key Route Boulevard.

8 a.m. Pancake breakfast at the Albany Memorial Veterans Building, sponsored by the Albany Lions Club. The breakfast is followed by pony rides, a pie-throwing contest, a tennis tournament and a belly-dance performance until noon.

Noon A July 4 observance will be held between noon and 12:20 p.m. The ceremony will be followed by a pet show, a watermelon-eating contest, an aikido demonstration and family games. The pet show, food booths and a disc jockey will be at the high school.

The events are sponsored by the city. For information, call Mayor Jewel Okawachi at 510-527-5583.

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Residents entitled to tax refunds

■ A watchdog group found that El Cerrito was continuing to collect on a transfer tax after a Supreme Court ruling struck it down

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

El CERRITO — The city continued to collect a real estate transfer tax for more than two years after the state Supreme Court struck it down, forcing officials here to offer refunds and fill a $900,000 revenue gap in the midst of the state's fiscal crisis.

Members of a residents' group attacked officials for a lack of disclosure on the matter and equated the situation to stealing.

The dispute centers on a June 2001 Supreme Court ruling that general taxes collected by cities were an "ongoing violation" of state Proposition 62, which passed in 1988 and requires that a two-thirds majority of voters approve all tax increases.

The ruling affected about 100 municipalities, cutting off about $130 million in projected revenue, the California League of Cities said at the time.

El Cerrito, which began collecting its real estate transfer tax in 1992, was one of them. City officials have declined comment on why they continued to collect the tax after the ruling.

"Personally I don't feel comfortable saying anything without checking with some legal counsel," said councilwoman Gina Brusatori.

The City Council introduced an ordinance last month to strike the tax and is expected to adopt the measure July 21. The city is offering refunds to taxpayers who apply within a year of paying the tax.

The move leaves the city with a budget hole of $800,000 to $900,000 for street maintenance. The transfer tax money was to provide 23 percent of the city's maintenance budget for 2003-04.

"I think it can potentially affect anything (in the city budget)," said Mayor Pro Tem Letitia Moore. "If we don't want to reduce funding to streets, then we're going to have to reduce our funding somewhere else. I honestly don't know what that decision would be."

Steve Magyary, the coordinator for the Council watchdog group the El Cerrito Citizens' Alliance, said the real issue isn't the budget problems but rather why the city collected the tax after the court decision.

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GETTING A REFUND

El Cerrito is offering refunds for property transfer taxes paid to the city within the last year. A claim form can be obtained at City Hall, at San Pablo and Manila avenues or call 510-215-4305 to receive it by mail.

The transfer tax is collected when a business or home is bought or sold. The tax is generally split between the buyer and seller. In El Cerrito, the tax is $7 per $1,000 of the cost of the property. For example, if a home sells for $500,000, the transfer tax is $3,500.

Claim forms should be mailed to or dropped off at City Hall, 10890 San Pablo Ave., El Cerrito, 94530.

Thrifting' class eads offerings or teenagers

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — Earlier this week, Barb Finnin was sy teaching three teenage girls the rewards of takg old unwanted objects and turning them into someing new. That included baking old vinyl records d molding them into bowls, creating a coaster out an old compact disc and some sequins and turng an old game board into a table or bulletin board.

That's just the start. Reusing objects and the t of buying used items — known as "thrifting" can become nothing short of an addiction for me, as Finnin was quick to point out.

The evidence: Books and magazines devoted thrifting, and Finnin herself.

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JOANNA JHANDA/STAFF

BARB FINNIN, right, hosts a thrifting class at Cafe Eclectica in Albany with students Megan Stimpson, 14, and Natalie Gaber, 14. They're learning how to use old magazines, compact discs and other thrift store finds to make picture frames, coasters, memory boxes and more.

Amateur operators ready to ham it up

■ Local radio operators regularly practice acting as a back-up system, should official networks ever fail

By Anukene Warda
CORRESPONDENT

Here's the scenario: A fire has consumed Berkeley's telephone lines, cell phone waves are jammed and the fire department's communication system has gone up in smoke. Who can you count on?

Hams.

During a 48-hour "field day" last weekend, amateur radio operators across the world — nicknamed hams for reasons long forgotten — honed their crisis communication skills in an annual practice run.

Amid the web of radio transmitters was a modest antenna at Berkeley's Emergency Operations Center operated by NALCO, a group of amateur radio operators in Northern Alameda County.

Mayor Tom Bates declared June 23 to 29 Amateur Radio Week in honor of NALCO's vigilance since the early '80s. In case of an emergency, hams will scoop up their radios and head to the nearest fire station or emergency operations center. They will then assist the fire department as needed.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Alameda County

New rules set for birth, death records

Alameda County, effective July 1, will institute new regulations for obtaining birth and death records. A new state law (SB 247) meant to help combat identity theft requires that certified copies of such records be given only to authorized persons who have submitted a written, sworn statement.

An authorized copy of a birth record is required to obtain a driver's license, passport, Social Security card and other services related to an individual's identity. An authorized copy of a death record may be required to obtain death benefits, claim insurance proceeds, notify Social Security and obtain other services related to an individual's identity. Individuals not permitted to receive authorized copies may receive an information-certified copy with the words "Informational not a valid document to re-establish identity" imprinted across the face of the copy.

Applications to request certified copies and certificate of identify forms are available on the Recorder's Web site www.co.alameda.ca.us. The cost to obtain a certified copy of a birth record is $18. The cost for a death record is $13. For information, call Malinda Jones-Williams Division Chief, Clerk-Recorder's office at 510-272-6358.

Albany

Teens offered automotive workshop

"What's Under the Hood" is a free workshop for teens who drive and is an opportunity to find out more about the workings of the car they drive.

The workshop will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. on Saturday, July 12, in the parking lot behind the Albany Library. Sign-ups are being taken at the library's reference desk. Drivers must bring a car to the workshop.

For information call 510-526-3720 ext. 20. The Albany Library, a branch of the Alameda County Library, is at 1247 Marin Ave.

Smart Lights helps reduce energy bills

The East Bay Smart Lights Program now offers services and rebates to businesses in Albany. Contact the Smart Lights Program for assistance in reducing your energy bill and installing more efficient and affordable lighting. Call 510-981-8955 ext. 221, e-mail info@smartlights.org or go online at www.smartlights.org. The program is funded by the California Public Utilities Commission and administered by Community Energy Services, a nonprofit, community-based organization.

Bay Area

Sprinkler-head recall is hot topic

The US Consumer Product Safety Commission and Central Sprinkler Co. announced a program to replace the 35 million Central fire sprinklers that have O-ring seals. The program also includes a limited number of O-ring models sold by Gem Sprinkler Co. and Star Sprinkler Inc.

Central initiated a voluntary replacement program in 2001 because it discovered the performance of these O-ring sprinklers could degrade over time, which might cause the sprinkler heads not to activate in a fire. Central is providing newer fire sprinklers that do not use O-ring seals.

Central has now upgraded its replacement program to provide free-of-charge replacement sprinkler heads and the labor needed to replace the sprinklers. Consumers can arrange to have the free replacement sprinklers installed themselves or arrange with Central for installation by Central field service crews or by contracting with professional sprinkler contractors.

Building and homeowners should immediately check their fire sprinklers to see whether they are part of this voluntary replacement program.

For information call 800-871-3492 or visit www.SprinklerReplacement.com.

Berkeley

Crisis classes to be offered in July, August

The Office of Emergency Services has released its summer schedule of classes to help residents prepare for emergencies.

The classes are taught by firefighters, Red Cross representatives and city staff.

Among the free courses for July and August are:

- "Disaster Mental Health," 9 a.m. to noon July 12.
- "Disaster First Aid," 9 a.m. to noon July 15 or 9 a.m. to noon Aug. 16.
- "Earthquake Retrofitting," 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. July 19.
- "Basic Personal Preparedness," 9 to 11 a.m. July 26.
- "Light Search and Rescue," 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Aug. 2.
- "Shelter Operations," 9 a.m. to noon Aug. 9.

Classes will be at the Fire Department's Emergency Operations Center, 997 Cedar St., with the exception of the retrofitting course, which will be at 812 Page St.

Classes are free and open to those 18 or older who live or work in Berkeley. Registration is required. Call 510-981-5506.

Kensington

Reception opens Boadecia's show

Boadecia's Books will hold the first Bay Area showing of "Creativity and Passion at the Center: The Lesbians Across the Country Project" by Angela Dawn in July. In 1996, photographer Angela Dawn set out across the country in search of lesbians who were living their lives with creativity and passion.

She spent 11 months on the road, interviewing and photographing more than 90 women, including a political activist in Montana, a handywoman in New York, a drum maker in Colorado, and a pastor in Virginia. The opening reception, including a slide presentation and a talk with Dawn, will be held at 7 p.m., Thursday, July 10, at 398 Colusa Ave. The event is free.

Richmond

Library group looks for more Friends

The Friends of the Richmond Public Library has launched a membership drive and is asking residents to renew their existing membership or join the Friends for the membership year of July 2003-June 2004.

Categories of membership are as follows: Individual $20, Family $35, Patron $50 and Business/Organization $100. Membership fees may be mailed to Friends of the Richmond Public Library, 325 Civic Center Plaza, Richmond, CA 94804. Checks should be made out to the Friends of the Richmond Public Library, a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization.

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ALBANY POLICE

Monday, June 23

■ **STOLEN CAR RECOVERED** — Officers located a blue '00 Volkswagen Passat at 555 Pierce St. that had been stolen out of Richmond. The owner was notified.

■ **DUI** — At about 6 p.m. officers stopped an '83 Toyota near Curtis and Solano avenues for erratic driving. The driver, a 23-year-old Richmond man, was found to be intoxicated and did not have a driver's license. He was arrested, cited and released with a notice to appear.

■ **PORNOGRAPHIC MATERIAL TO A MINOR** — An Albany resident called to report that he had placed a subject under Citizen's Arrest for showing pornographic material to his 12-year-old son. Officers responded and cited the 59-year-old Berkeley man for disorderly conduct and for distributing or exhibiting harmful material to a minor. He was released with a notice to appear.

Tuesday, June 24

■ **PLANT THIEF** — During the night, thieves dug up and stole plants from the front yard of a residence on the 1100 block of Neilson Street, leaving holes in the ground. There were no witnesses.

■ **VANDALISM** — Vandals broke the rear window of a silver '01 Honda Civic that was parked on the 900 block of Talbot Avenue. There were no witnesses.

■ **MORE VANDALISM** — Thieves stole a blue '92 Dodge Van parked on the 700 block of Curtis Street.

■ **STOLEN VEHICLE** — Officers responded to the 700 block of San Carlos Street on reports of a vehicle blocking a driveway. A check found that the blue '95 Plymouth Van had been stolen from Kensington and that the plates had been stolen from a green '95 Dodge van in Oakland. The owners were notified and the vehicle was towed.

■ **TOOLS STOLEN** — Unknown thieves stole tools from a garage on the 900 block of Talbot Avenue.

Wednesday, June 25

■ **SUSPECTED CAR THIEF**— At about 2:30 a.m. officers attempted to stop a green '00 Honda SW near Sixth and Hearst streets that was reported as stolen. The driver attempted to evade officers and was driving recklessly, according to the report. The vehicle stopped and the driver fled on foot, but was apprehended. The 45-year-old Berkeley man was arrested for possession of stolen property, resisting an officer, and parole violations. He was cited and transported to the Berkeley Jail.

■ **TRAFFIC STOP** — Officers stopped a red '90 Toyota Corolla near Sonoma and Neilson streets for a vehicle code violation. The driver, a 20-year-old man, was found to have a no-bail warrant from the Contra Costa County Sheriff's office for drug possession charges. He was cited and transported to the Berkeley Jail.

Thursday, June 26

■ **BAR FIGHT** — At about 1:30 a.m. officers responded to a bar on the 700 block of San Pablo Avenue on reports of a fight in progress and two men, from Kensington and El Cerrito, who were being hit and kicked. They arrested a 23-year-old Richmond man for assault with a deadly weapon. They also arrested a 22-year-old Oakland man who was found to have an outstanding Contra Costa County warrant in the amount of $30,000 for drug charges. Both were transported to the Berkeley Jail. A third subject, a 22-year-old Redwood City man, was also arrested but later released because no one was sure if he actually hit anyone.

■ **DOMESTIC** — Officers responded to the 900 block of Adams Street at about 8:30 p.m. on reports of a man and a woman fighting near a construction site. The woman was seen to pick up a stick. They arrested the 41-year-old Rodeo woman for assault with a deadly weapon. The 37-year-old Richmond man was arrested when officers discovered he had an outstanding no-bail warrant from Contra Costa County for DUI and failure to appear and a Marin County Sheriff's office warrant for driving with a suspended license. Both were transported to the Santa Rita Jail.

■ **BIKE RECOVERED** — Berkeley police reported locating an '85 Kawasaki Ninja that had been stolen from Albany. The owner was notified.

Friday, June 27

■ **DUI** — At about 2 a.m. officers arrested the driver of a black '95 Honda on the 600 block of San Pablo Avenue for DUI. He was cited and released with a notice to appear.

■ **ROCK-THROWING VANDALS** — Vandals threw rocks at a '97 Dodge van on the 500 block of Key Route Boulevard and a green '94 Chrysler on the 700 block of Washington Avenue. There were no witnesses.

■ **THREATENING PEOPLE** — Officers arrested a 32-year-old Richmond man on the 1300 block of Portland Avenue who was holding a golf club and picking fights with people. He was cited for resisting an officer and an outstanding Contra Costa Warrant for drug-possession charges. He was transported to Santa Rita Jail.

Saturday, June 28

■ **PHONY ID** — About 1 a.m., officers stopped a white '90 Honda Prelude on the 900 block of San Pablo Avenue for vehicle code violations. The driver, a Richmond man, gave officers fake ID and was eventually found to have not driver's license. He was arrested, cited and released with a notice to appear.

■ **DUI** — Officers arrested a 33-year-old Berkeley man for DUI and driving without a license when they stopped him near San Pablo and Washington Avenues at about 7:30 p.m. He was released with a notice to appear.

■ **OUTSTANDING WARRANT** — About 10 p.m., offices stopped a 23-year-old Hercules man near Kains and Marin avenues for a vehicle code violation. They arrested him for an outstanding UCPD warrant and released him with a notice to appear.

■ **NOISY PARTY** — About 11:30 p.m., officers responded to complaints of noise and fighting at a party on the 1000 block of Ventura Avenue. There was indeed fighting and officers arrested an 18-year-old Albany man when he fled after being told to stop by an officer. He was found to be intoxicated and was arrested for disorderly conduct and for resisting an officer. He was cited and released with a notice to appear.

Sunday, June 29

■ **FIGHTING** — About 1 a.m., officers responded to reports of a fight on the 1500 block of Solano Avenue. The arrested three subjects, an 18-year-old El Cerrito man and two 17-year-old boys from Albany and El Cerrito, and found weapons in their vehicle. They were all charged with assault with a deadly weapon and conspiracy. The El Cerrito man was transported to the Berkeley Jail and the two boys were taken to Juvenile Hall. The next day, a man reported that he had found a pellet lodged in his head from the altercation. Officers are continuing to investigate.

■ **DUI** — Officers arrested a 25-y old Richmond man for DUI when stopped his gold '85 Buick near Pablo and Carlson avenues. He cited and released with a notice appear.

■ **BURGLAR ARRESTED** — Ab p.m., a resident on the 900 block Ventura Avenue reported that som one had rung her front door bell she didn't answer it. She then sa subject peer into her windows an then attempt to break into the rea her house. Officers responded a arrested the 22-year-old El Cerrit man for burglary, possession of glary tools, trespassing and bein der the influence of a controlled stance. He was cited and transp to the Berkeley Jail.

Monday, June 30

■ **CAR THIEF ARRESTED** — Sh after midnight, a resident on the 9 block of Curtis Street reported th someone had just driven off with white '92 Plymouth van and was eling north. An officer spotted the on Solano Avenue and chased driver eventually fled on foot but unable to jump a fence on the 80 block of Adams Street and was a prehended. The 32-year-old Rich mond man was arrested and cha with grand theft auto, possession stolen property, attempting to eve an officer, resisting an officer, pos sion of burglary tools, driving wi a driver's license, two counts of to stop at a stop sign, no proof surance and speeding. He was and transported to the Berkeley

■ **VEHICLE RECOVERED** — O recovered a silver '91 Honda Ac that had been stolen from Berke They did not have anyone in cus and the owner was notified.

Weekly summary

During the week of June 23, offi towed five cars, responded to 14 false alarms, attended to two los deceased animals, assisted six ple who was locked out of their house or car and responded to reports of barking dogs. In the d mestic arena, officers responded 22 civil disturbances and 88 civil sists. Officers stopped 138 vehic persons issuing 63 citations and warnings. Albany firefighter/para medics responded to one fire ca and to two medical emergencies.

— K. Os

EL CERRITO POLICE

Wednesday, June 18

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — A 1985 blue Honda Civic was taken from the 1300 block of Everett Street between 9 p.m. on June 18 and 9 a.m. on June 20.

Thursday, June 19

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — A gold 1995 Honda Accord was taken from the 2600 block of Carquinez Avenue between 7 and 8:30 a.m.

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — A 1993 Infinity J30 was taken from the 6000 block of Potrero Avenue between midnight and 9:30 a.m.

Friday, June 20

■ **BREAK-IN** — A door leading from a garage to a home on the 5200 block of Cypress Street was forced open at 7:30 p.m. The homeowner heard the door being opened but found no one. There was no property loss.

■ **VEHICLE BURGLARY** — A stereo system, brown leather jacket and perfume were taken from a black Nissan Sentra on the 3300 block of Belmont Avenue between 8 p.m. on June 20 and 6 a.m. the next day. The rear passenger-side window was broken.

■ **VEHICLE BURGLARY** — A stereo system and speakers were taken from a 1995 gray Honda Civic on the 700 block of Pomona Avenue between 11:30 p.m. on June 20 and 6 a.m. the next day. Two windows were broken out of the vehicle.

■ **VEHICLE BURGLARY** —A stereo and 35 mm camera were taken from a 1998 red Honda Civic on the 500 block of Lexington Avenue between 10 p.m. on June 20 and 7 a.m. the next day.

■ **VEHICLE BURGLARY** — Six dollars in cash and miscellaneous papers were taken from a 1986 blue Honda Civic on the 1700 block of Lexington Avenue between 11:15 p.m. on June 20 and 9:30 a.m. the next day. The passenger wing window was broken.

■ **VEHICLE BURGLARY** —Two dollars in cash was taken from a 1991 burgundy Peugeot 405 on the 1600 block of Liberty Street between 7:45 p.m. on June 20 and 10 a.m. the next day. The rear driver's-side window was broken.

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — A gray Jeep Cherokee was taken from the 2300 block of Mono Avenue between 8 p.m. on June 20 and 6 a.m. the next day.

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — A 1991 Dodge Caravan was taken from the 800 block of Liberty Street between 8 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — A green 1994 Chevrolet pick-up truck was taken from the 1100 block of Brewster Drive between 6 a.m. on June 20 and 2 p.m. on June 24.

Monday, June 23

■ **VEHICLE RECOVERED** — A stolen 1991 Dodge Caravan was located on the 400 block of Everett Street at 10 a.m. The vehicle had been stolen from the 300 block of Victoria Street the previous night.

Tuesday, June 24

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — A blue and white 2001 Suzuki motorcycle was taken from the 5700 block of Central Avenue between 7:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.

■ **VEHICLE recovered** — A stolen 2002 Lincoln LS was recovered on the 1100 block of Liberty Street at 7:30 p.m. The vehicle had been reported to the Menlo Park Police Department on June 21.

Wednesday, June 25

■ **THEFT** — A man was arrested on suspicion of stealing a jacket, cell phone and papers from a vehicle on the 6200 block of Cypress Avenue. Police located the man in a rear yard on Cypress Avenue, after it was reported he was looking into parked vehicles on the 11200 block of San Pablo Avenue. Police found the man in possession of items that were taken from a locked Toyota truck. The property was returned to its owner.

Thursday, June 26

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — A green 1 Ford F-150 truck was stolen from 900 block of Liberty Street betwe midnight and 4:30 a.m.

■ **VEHICLE RECOVERED** — A s yellow 1982 Toyota Corolla station wagon was recovered on the 116 block of San Pablo Avenue at 10: p.m. The vehicle had been report stolen to Oakland police that day.

— A. L

CORRECTIONS

The June 20 story about the El Cerrito City Council signing an exclusive negotiating agreement with developer Charlie Oewel should have said that the council only gave direction to move forward with signing the agreement. The council has not yet signed an agreement and will consider the approval at its 21 meeting.

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A June 20 story about th Cerrito City Council stri down the city's property tra tax should have said that the izen's Alliance brought the to the council's attention.

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There was nothing we dn't do for the Old Man use there was nothing he dn't do for us," said one of "boys," as he called them, nk MacDonald of Oakland.

There are so many Jocko es, I hardly know where to t. Such as his habit of fightnight battles in his polkapajamas and fuzzy slippers, h his Admiral's hat stuck ly on his head.

Or the time a teenaged or named Art Hardy accitally knocked the admiral on his kiester while opena door. An officer grabbed poor kid and started aming in his face.

The next thing I saw," dy recalled almost 50 years r, "was a gigantic hand as it hed over me and placed it on the officer's shoulder. I rd Admiral Clark say, 'Go k to your work station and e this boy alone! I was just ding in the wrong place!'"

Or the time a typhoon ed off the forward deck, king it impossible to launch es the normal way, off the . Jocko simply turned the around and sailed backd at full speed, launching planes off the stern.

The guys on the other ships t have figured that the Old had finally lost his mar," said MacDonald.

dmiral Clark is gone, but many of his "boys" are still here. You can meet them today on the Hornet, as the ship hosts a day-long July 4 celebration.

Guys like Lee McCleary of Albany, an aviator who was shot down and drifted for two days in the constant company of sharks, who were following his leaky, bullet-riddled raft, until he was finally rescued.

And Ralph Weidling of Walnut Creek, who had three aircraft carriers sunk from under him.

And Jack Reed, the man who first sighted the Japanese fleet at the Battle of Midway. And Doug Davis of Benicia, who dropped the first torpedo.

Needless to say, they have amazing stories to tell. Not only were they eye-witnesses to history, they were the guys who made it happen.

After the war, the Hornet went on to more fame as the ship that fished Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin and Michael Collins out of the ocean following Apollo 11's historic first flight to the Moon.

Today, her flight and hangar decks are crammed with rare aircraft, from World War II Avengers and Korean War Skyhawks to Gulf War Tomcats, as well as artifacts of the space era, including a Mercury capsule and the quarantine trailer the early astronauts had to live in for a couple of weeks after they got back.

The Hornet is hallowed ground, sanctified by the memory of all those boys of the "Greatest Generation" who flew off her deck and never came back. Their stories — and the stories of the courageous crew who manned this great ship — are examples for us to imitate.

And, more importantly, for our children, the next "great" generation.

Happy Independence Day.

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SHERRY LaVARS/STAFF

MEMBERS OF the newly formed Albany Historical Society, from left, Mayor Jewel Okawachi, Ruth Ganong, Joan Larson, and Bill Palmini pose on the porch of the Gill House in Albany. The house was given to the group by the University of California.

Group works to preserve, record local history

CLARA-RAE GENSER
Community Folk

SHALL ALBANY'S history be remembered? Shall the stories of this tiny enclave of fascinating people and colorful history be forgotten? No, indeed, say four prominent Albanians, and they are doing something about it.

Mayor Jewel Okawachi, Lt. Bill Palmini of the Albany Police Department, Joan Larson and Ruth Ganong have formed the Albany Historical Society, and they are looking for more people to join them.

The four know there is a great deal of interest in the history of Albany; when they put out a 2003 Albany Historic Calendar at the end of last year, the response was very positive, and many people spent time looking for the house they used to live in, or pictures of people they knew. And many of them stopped to tell them stories of their own history in the city.

They have already gathered interesting pictures, stories and artifacts which they hope to show when they have a place for them.

Actually, they even have a house, given to them by the University of California. The Gill House, built in Albany in the 1920s by a professor at Cal, is an attractive three-bedroom house with a large living room, which would be perfect for exhibits and meetings.

But the Gill house must be moved, and the newly formed Albany Historical Society must find a place for it, and the funds to move it.

They know that many people living in the city have family pictures taken in front of now historic places; pictures of businesses, of community events, of the thousand and one things that go to make up the history of a community. These are some of the things they hope to get.

They have worked with Ronnie Davis, managing librarian of the Albany Library, and with Richard Russo, who has done of great job of putting the existing historical documentation on the library's Web site.

Most of what the library has was donated by the late Catherine Webb, who had file cases filled with pictures and stories in her home when she died. She had also written books on the history of Albany.

The dedicated four feel that it is time for another book on the subject, bringing it up to date.

The group would like to have the Historical Society up and running soon, so it can take part in the planning for Albany's 100th birthday in 2008. It takes years of planning for a celebration as big as this.

Cornell School also will turn 100 that year.

The four founders are as interesting and diverse as the city.

Mayor Jewel Okawachi has lived all of her life in Albany, except for the time when she and her family were interned for three years during World War II, because they were Japanese-Americans.

"Albany has been a big part of my life in the more than 70 years I have lived here," she says. She returned to Albany High School after internment, and graduated with her class. Her parents built the house they lived in and where she grew up.

Okawachi was in business for years, and remembers that she typeset Catherine Webb's first book about Albany.

Bill Palmini, who has been in police work since 1968, came to work with the Albany Police Department in 1978. He has always been interested in history and has a collection of artifacts. He names many Albany people who have given him items for his collection. He bemoans the fact that many pictures and other items are thrown away because people are not aware of their historical value.

Joan Larson came to the city about 25 years ago. Because her family had always been interested in history, and were and are involved in historical groups in other cities, Larson became deeply involved and interested in what she calls "a very unique community."

Her particular interest is buildings, and she speaks of the home they bought when they came to Albany. It had been built in 1909 by a family that had come to the East Bay after the San Francisco earthquake. She said a woman in her 90s who lived a few houses away told her she had had her 10th birthday party in that house.

Ruth Ganong and family came in 1955, with three small children (another one was born shortly thereafter). She says she got involved in community affairs when she looked out at the Bay and saw dump trucks dumping material there for landfill. She and others started the Albany Bay Committee, which worked with the Save the Bay people to try to stop the filling.

Ganong, who was always interested in solid-waste management and in education, first was elected to the school board, where she served for eight years.

She was elected to the City Council where she was active in environmental concerns and on the solid waste committee. Believing one shouldn't serve in one capacity more than eight years, she then ran for the AC Transit Board, serving there, too, for eight years. With a lifetime of service to Albany, her interest in the historical society is intense.

Do you know people, places or groups in El Cerrito, Albany or Kensington that would make good subjects for this column? If so, please write me at 555 Pierce St., No. 443, Albany, CA 94706 or call 510-525-4585. My e-mail is crggenser@aol.com.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Albany Chamber of Commerce, at 1108 Solano Ave., has historic photos in the window and an invitation to become a member of the Albany Historical Society. For information, call Joan Larson at 510-526-7769.

ounty streamlines appointment system

s of July 1, Contra Costa lth Services (CCHS) is re ing every person who calls an appointment at its 12 lth centers to enter a patient atifying number or be routed financial counselor for help pplying for health coverage. county's basic health care ogram will be available to ny of those who do not qual for programs such as Medi, Healthy Families and the tra Costa Health Plan.

"We are very clear that we t want to close health centers reduce services. We want to imize revenue so we can keep ing people who live in Contra ta County," said Dr. William ker, director of CCHS. His detment has already cut $8.4 mil from the 2003-04 budget to ress the county's budget shortfall. Walker noted that county funds only pay for about 15 percent of the CCHS budget.

"Public health agencies like ours are facing a crisis. We have to look for ways to increase our revenue," Walker said. "Across the state, we're losing millions of dollars because people using our systems don't complete their applications for available insurance. We need that revenue and this new system will ensure that we go after every dollar by helping people complete their applications."

Patients who do not currently have insurance are being encouraged to talk to a financial counselor now to begin the application process. Financial counselors can be reached by calling 1-800-771-4270. More information is available online at http://cchealth.org.

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"... were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

— Thomas Jefferson

EDITORIAL

Please don't light up

IT'S THE SEASON TO be careful, especially when it comes to celebrating our nation's independence by simulating the anthemic "rockets' red glare."

Most of us know, without our fire departments having to remind us, that that it's illegal to own, use or sell fireworks within the El Cerrito and Albany city limits.

We also know that many people will obtain them and then use them illegally to celebrate July 4 with a bang or a blaze.

But there is a very good reason that fireworks are illegal: Careless misuse can cause devastating damage and even death. And not only to the user of powerful — or even not-so powerful — pyrotechnics.

Take a look at the golden hills. Exciting trails of sparks sent airborne inevitably heed the call of gravity and can cause less-than-patriotic excitement for our firefighters and those who live near fields of tinder.

We have seen the results in grassfires that already have broken out on East Bay hills.

The winter's prolonged rains have encouraged lush growth that translates, when dry, into abundant fuel for fires.

A pair of unexplained grassfires near Berkeley's Centennial Drive last weekend blackened two acres and should serve as a reminder of just how dry wildlands are in the summer.

In one case near Santa Rosa, some teens using legal fireworks dubbed "safe and sane" managed to destroy a home by setting them off in a manner that disregarded the label instructions.

The kids now face criminal prosecution. That is no way to celebrate a holiday.

While it is normally young kids and teens who use fireworks, parents play a significant role as well. They must resist the temptation to give in to the desires of the kids. Sure, fireworks are fun to watch and kids love them, but the risks are simply too great.

Fireworks displays should be left in the hands of professionals. El Cerrito, Albany and neighboring cities will host a range of activities for the Fourth; Berkeley and Richmond on either side of our cities have truly safe-and-sane fireworks shows after dark.

So take a waterfront seat. And resist the urge to light that fuse. There's no way of knowing what you'll ignite, and we'd all rather not find out.

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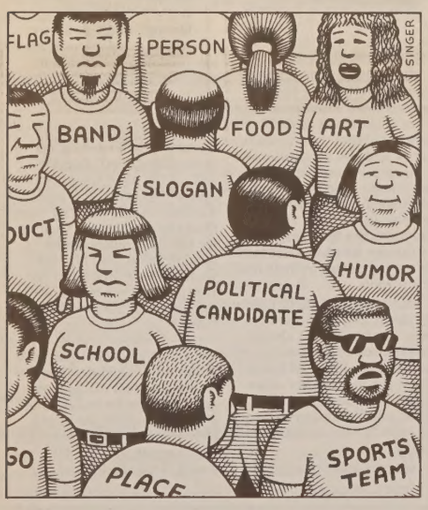

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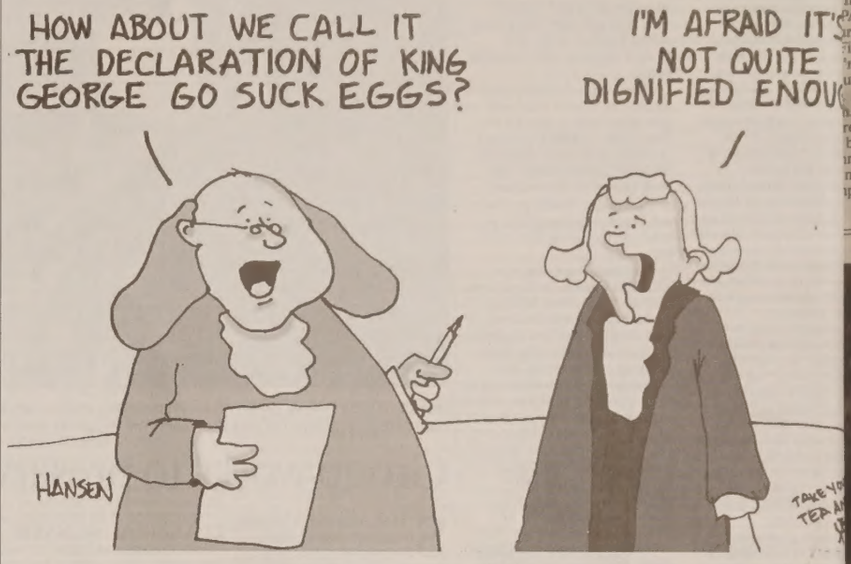

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

About the Philippines

The American public, in general, and, unfortunately, most Filipino-Americans and even Filipinos in the Philippines, are uninformed about the history of Philippine-U.S. relations.

The Philippines was the United States' first empire and the circumstances that led to the U.S. takeover have been quite questionable and driven by the philosophy of "white man's burden" and economic interests.

The American public is hardly aware of the Philippine-American War, which was clearly one-sided in a military sense and became protracted as a result of the need for Philippine revolutionaries to carry out guerrilla warfare. Because of these guerrilla tactics, American troops committed atrocities against children and women reminiscent of the Vietnam War.

It is not surprising that the Treaty of Paris barely passed in Congress and many Americans were opposed to it, led by the Anti-Imperialist League, of which Mark Twain was the most outspoken leader.

U.S. history books called the Philippine-American War "Philippine insurrection," which is clearly a distortion, since the Filipino revolutionaries were fighting for independence and against U.S. takeover. The Filipinos wanted to determine their own destiny.

The double standard of U.S. policy is clear from the decision to grant independence to Cuba but not to the Philippines, where there were numerous uprisings against Spain's colonization of about 300 years.

Now, the United States can learn from the lessons in the Philippines 100 years ago about nation building in Iraq. It is harder than it looks.

In retrospect, the Vietnam tragedy could have been avoided if lessons were learned from the Philippine experience. Freedom and self-determination are valued by all of humanity.

Ben de Lumen
El Cerrito

No Emeryville-ization

I understand Albany needs money and the proposed Target on the Eastshore Highway would bring in much-needed revenue but, as the woman at the June 10 city planning commission meeting asked, "Is this the best you can do?"

The thought of a Target in Albany is abhorrent to me and many others. It is also disturbing that the planning commission, after hearing two hours of well-articulated and thoughtful questions concerning the Target proposal, approved the project anyway. (I understand there's still time for residents opposing the plan to state their views at the July 7 City Council meeting and with letters and phone calls, before that.)

Some concerns relate to traffic snarls, corporate policy regarding sweatshop labor, environmental impact, a Target's effect on Solano Avenue shops, and the eventual Emeryville-ization of Albany should superstores start appearing in the town.

The Chamber of Commerce assures us Solano Avenue stores will benefit from a nearby Target and swears the proposed site is the last Albany property suitable for a big-box store. Where's the guarantee for such statements?

At the June 10 meeting, a professional environmental consultant (an Albany resident), said the planning commission had several projects on its agenda and was failing the city by not addressing all the projects as one.

What if the Target goes up? Is it then easier for the development company and the Chamber of Commerce to railroad through a huge entertainment complex next to Golden Gate Fields? What about Memorial Park and University Village? If these projects are treated separately, the damage creeps in, unbeknown to residents.

Albany does need money and the space proposed for Target seems a difficult space to sell, but are we going to sell the soul of Albany now because we're not willing to continue looking for a more suitable project for that space?

Let's remember Albany's mission statement: "The city of Albany is dedicated to maintaining its small town ambiance, responding to the needs of the community, and providing a safe, healthy environment now and in the future."

Letitia Berlin
Albany

A nice idea, but ...

America, the world's superpower, must promote the rule of law wherever it can, at home and in the Middle East.

All most people want is to live in an orderly society under just laws upheld by an independent judiciary, wherein a judge is nothing but the mouth of the law, its specific application in an ambiguous situation.

The U.S. legislative and judiciary branches, subservient puppet regimes as they are to America's real power structures, mustn't be replicated in the "democratic" regimes America wants to set up in the Middle East. Replacing Saddam with Rumsfeld isn't an improvement.

The peoples of the Middle East are entitled to live under laws and governments they accept as "just" and beneficial to their societies. They may prefer to live under Islamic law, a theocracy or a benevolent dictatorship instead of taking a chance with these always corrupt democratic elections.

Democracy's a nice idea but, in practice, it only works well if all people are decent and caring and don't place their own interest above that of others.

America can only be a shining light to the world if it stands firm behind its ideals for liberty, equality and brotherhood.

America must remain the archenemy of colonialism and racism, of all societies which maintain a gross inequality of wealth and income and freedom among its citizens.

Jan H. Visser
Kensington

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Feeling Targeted

I am a retail business owner on Solano Avenue in Albany and am concerned about the possibility of the Target moving into our city.

One of the wonderful things about Albany is that it has maintained its small-town flavor despite "big box corporations" moving into surrounding areas. In a short discussion I had with the mayor at a recent function, she informed me that Target would bring in much-needed financial resources at a time when state funding may continue to become scarce.

I asked her if she and the City Council had explored any other options, such as what similar cities have done in lieu of inviting corporations. She said they had not done so.

When the mayor asked me if I thought Target would hurt my business, I told her there are probably product lines I carry that may need to be discontinued if Target moves in. I can think of many other businesses on Solano Avenue for which this may be the case.

It is a shame Albany may lose some of its charm and, possibly, some of its small businesses on Solano.

I also think it is a shame other possibilities haven't been explored. We have many creative people in the area, not to mention a wealth of information available at our fingertips which can connect us with cities facing similar problems.

Do we really want Albany to look exactly the same as many other cities in America — strip malls and big-box complexes? We must be creative and inspired enough to look past the easy solutions toward ideas that are nurturing and sustainable for the people and the environment.

Pennie Opal Plant
Albany

News degradation

I would like you to know that I am very upset about the direction of this White House in general, but in particular, its stance toward the free press.

We are in desperate need of more diversity and less corporate ownership of the press and media.

I have seen a dismaying degradation of the quality of the news as this trend has been unfolding, and I find the Federal Communication Commission's recent ruling extremely upsetting. That a regulatory body would not be willing or interested in the public opinion or the public good is astonishing to me. For what other purpose does such a commission exist? What other master does it serve?

Mary Duryee
Albany

Destroy the forest

Here is a solution to the ongoing battle between Pacific Lumber and the conservationists.

Maybe Pacific Lumber should just buy up all the houses downstream, all the fishing boats and the fish, the spotted owls and all the other animals in the forest — then they could just go ahead and destroy the forest as much as they wanted to.

Stephen Jory
Berkeley

A quick look at libraries and issues of Internet censorship

Quote of the week: "Madam, irculating library in a town s an evergreen tree of dia- lical knowledge! — It blos- ns through the year! And de- d on it ... they who are so d of handling the leaves, will g for the fruit at last."
— Richard Sheridan (1751-16), from "The Rivals"

JULIE WINKELSTEIN
At the Library

I THOUGHT I WOULD write a little about the Children's Internet Protection Act (PA), since the Supreme urt upheld it last week.

First, a short history, in case u're not sure how it came out and what exactly it is. On . 19, 1999, Sen. John Mc- in. R-Ariz., introduced a bill require the installation and e by schools and libraries of a chnology for filtering or block- material on the Internet on mputers with Internet access to be eligible to receive or retain universal service assistance."

The bill goes on to say: "the determination of what material is to be deemed harmful to minors shall be made by the school, school board, library ... No agency or instrumentality of the United States government may establish criteria for making that determination; review the determination made ... or consider the criteria employed ..."

The vagueness of this part impresses me, because it appears to water down the bill: If a library can choose what filter to use, why not choose the worst? And if "harmful to minors" is open to interpretation, then why not make the interpretation equally vague? The problem with this is professionals run libraries and so decisions are made thoughtfully and intentionally. Further, choosing a poor filter or avoiding the question of what is harmful doesn't address the true issue here: Given that it is not the job of a library to censor material, how does the Internet fit in with this basic philosophy?

There has been a lot of activity around this issue since 1999. The American Library Association (ALA) and the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) filed lawsuits; editorials and essays have been written, and many good points have been made. Examples of the erratic nature of filters have been given: pornographic sites get through and legitimate sites are blocked — we've all seen examples of this.

But again I think these are missing the point. In a way, they are like red herrings, just as the government's call to arms to protect our children seems questionable, since there are so many ways in which our government is not protecting them.

So, what should a library be doing about the Internet? I agree children shouldn't view pornography — or ads, for that matter — but I don't agree the logical next step is to censor what is available. Instead, libraries should help their Internet users be smart and educated about their searching.

Just as we select books and other materials, we should help them by providing easy to use and reliable search tools, such as the Librarians' Index to the Internet (LII), which is a huge annotated data base of Web sites. By starting with LII or another recommended site, we focus on quality resources. Unlimited access to the Internet would still be available, but other choices would appear first.

In case you are wondering, the Alameda County Library has filtered Internet access in the children's area and a choice of filtered/not filtered in the adult section. This doesn't follow the CIPA guidelines, but the loss of funding doesn't affect us greatly.

READER REVIEW: This week, Martha reviewed W.G. Sebald's "Austerlitz." About "a man trying to discover the mystery of his own past," Martha says it is a "complex narrative — it's not for people who insist on a straight-forward narrative." She recommends it because of "its beautiful prose ... the author worked with the translator to produce a poetic prose style."

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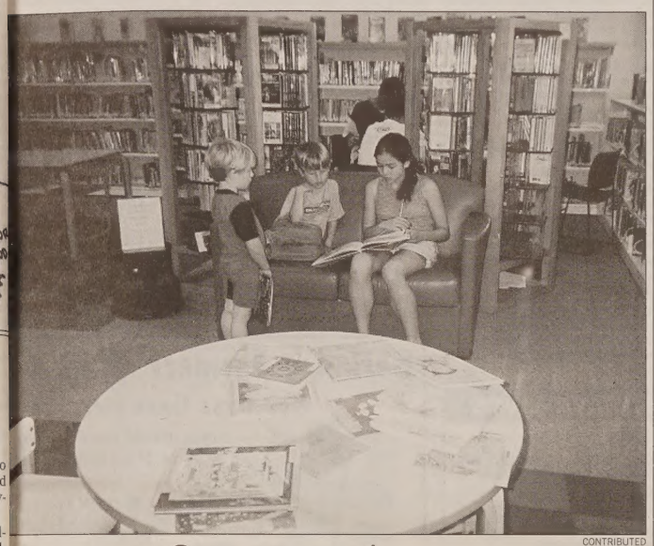

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Once upon a time ...

E-SCHOOLERS LISTEN to a story read by Amanda Wilmsen of Albany, one of many teenagers o have joined the Albany Library's program in which teens volunteer, go through training and read orite children's books aloud to little ones. The drop-in "Read Me A Story" program is for for children ears and up and runs Monday through Thursday and Saturdays 2-4 p.m.

LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

Upcoming programs sponsored by the Friends of the **Albany Library** for summer include The Wildlife Associates: face-to-face with live predators at 10 a.m. Thursday, July 17. There are also feature-length films for school-age kids screening at 3 p.m. Thursdays, July 10 to Aug. 14.

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The **Kensington Library** hosts Family Storytimes for all ages at 10:30 a.m. Saturdays and 7 p.m. Tuesday except when special programs are scheduled.

The library will hold its wrap-up party and puppet show for the end of the Summer Reading Program at 7 p.m. Aug. 26.

The Kensington Library is located at 61 Arlington Ave., Kensington. Phone: 510-524-3043.

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Upcoming programs at the El Cerrito Library include:

■ Preschool Storytimes (required registration is open now and ends July 10);

■ Babytime Lapsit for ages infant through 2 (child attends with parent), 10:30 a.m. Thursdays through Aug. 14;

■ Toddlertime Lapsit for ages 2-3 (child attends with parent), 11:30 a.m. Thursdays through Aug. 14; and

■ Picture Book Time, for ages 3-4, (child may attend without parent), 1 p.m. Tuesdays through Aug. 12.

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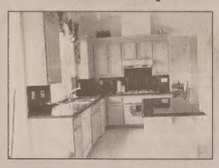

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Submissions to the Community Calendar must be received Thursdays one week prior to publication. Listings are on a space-available basis. Mail submissions to Ann Fields, 1969 Mountain Blvd., Oakland, CA 94611; e-mail to afields@cctimes.com or fax to 510-339-4066.

Children

■ The Albany Library, 1247 Marin Ave., presents a new program, **"What's Under the Hood,"** from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on July 12, in the parking lot behind the Albany Library. This free workshop is an opportunity for teens to find out more about what's under the hood of the car they drive. Sign-up at the Albany Library reference desk. Driver must bring a car to the workshop. For more information, call 510-526-3720 ext. 20.

■ The Albany Library, 1247 Marin Ave., presents **"Read Me a story,"** a free drop-in program in which teens read picture books aloud to young children, ages 3 and up. The program will take place from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and Saturday through Aug. 16. For more information, call Julie Winkelstein at 510-526-3720, ext. 20.

■ **Miriam's Daughters,** a free workshop for emerging female poets, ages 13-19, takes place from 9 a.m. to noon July 7-11, at the Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center, 1414 Walnut St., Berkeley. Workshop includes innovative writing exercises, field trips, visiting poets, and a community poetry reading. To register call 510-848-0237 ex. 112 or e-mail infor@brjcc.org.

■ Lawrence Hall of Science presents the exhibit **"Lego Ocean Adventure,** through Sept. 7. The underwater world comes to life through role play and ands-on activities. Children learn how people eat, sleep, and work while living underwater as well as how scientists explore the ocean depths using unmanned rovers. Children can role play and construct their own Lego creations of underwater vessels and instrument. Hours: daily , 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: $8 adults; $6 youth 5-18, seniors and disabled; $4 for children 3-4; free under 3. Details: 510-642-5132.

■ **Beginning Internet Workshops** take place at the El Cerrito Library, 6510 Stockton Ave. Learn the basics of the Internet–mouse skills, e-mail, web searching, and the library's on-line catalog and databases. Classes are free of charge. Alternate Saturday mornings from 10–11 a.m. Call 510-526-7512 to sign up.

■ **Children's Social Skills** and Manners workshops are offered in Albany on Saturdays for two hours, 3 to 5 p.m. Each workshop lasts for four weeks. Details: Linda, 527-6202.

■ **Teen Support Group** meets twice a month Tuesday evenings at the Women's Cancer Resource Center, 3023 Shattuck Ave. The free group is for teens who have a parent or caregiver with cancer. The meeting is co-facilitated by a teen whose mother had breast cancer. Details: 531-7551.

■ **Check out books** from the Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center Library. Spend quality time with your kids, meet with the children's librarian, research your Jewish roots or check out best sellers. The library is at 1414 Walnut St. Hours: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays. Details: 848-0237.

■ **El Cerrito** offers special programs for children from 22 months to 5 years of age. These programs are designed to offer parents an opportunity to leave their pre-school children in a safe atmosphere under qualified supervision. The program for ages 22 months to 3-1/2 years meets Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon. Registration is continuous as long as space is available. Located at 7007 Moeser Lane. Details: Judie, 215-4371.

■ **LGBTQ Parent** and Prospective Parent Groups meet the first Saturday of the month 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. with concurrent child care at the Pacific Center at 2712 Telegraph Ave. in Berkeley. Donations are requested, but not required. Details: Anna at familyprogram@yahoo.com or 415-789-8560.

■ **The Ann Martin** Children's' Center offers eight "Support Groups For Mothers," sessions for first time mothers and babies their babies under 5 months. Experienced facilitator. Details: 524-0821.

Community

■ **Berkeley Neighborhood Computers,** a non-profit organization, provides high-value and high-demand computer technology training for disadvantaged and at-risk individuals. The organization seeks computers and networking equipment to be use for training purposes. All donations are tax deductible. Details: 845-1226 or e-mail bnc@netvalue.net.

■ **Berkeley Camera** Club meet Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at the Northbrae Community Church, 941 The Alameda, Berkeley. Share slides and prints, learn what other photographers are doing. Monthly field trips. Details: 525-3565.

■ **TOPS** (Take Pounds Off Sensibly) Chapter CA 1294 meets Thursdays, 7:15-8:30 p.m. Thursday at Mira Vista UCC Church, 7075 Cutting Blvd. TOPS is a non-profit organization assisting men and women in weight control.Details: Betty Coates at 235-0490.

■ **Turning Point** at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, sponsors Resume Clinics on Tuesday afternoons, or by appointment. For an appointment, leave a message several days before you would like to meet. Anne Levine has a background in design and education. Call 848-6370.

■ **Berkeley's Office** of Emergency Services presents a new series of free Community Emergency Response Training classes. The classes give basic, practical information, including hands-on training in fire suppression, light search and rescue, and disaster first aid. All classes are held at the fire department's Emergency Operations Center, 997 Cedar St. The classes are open to everyone, 18 or older, who lives or works in Berkeley. Register: 644-8736.

■ **Berkeley Art** Museum, Pacific Film Archive offers a guided tour of Equal Partner: Men and Women Principals in Contemporary Architectural Practice presented by graduate students from the UC Berkeley Department of Architecture, College of Environmental Design on alternating Thursdays at 12:15 p.m. and on Sundays at 2 p.m. Details: 642-0808.

■ **Overeaters Anonymous** meet Fridays at 1:30 p.m.at the Northbrae Community Church in Berkeley, 941 The Alameda between Solano and Marin avenues, in Room 2 —the child-care room—parents may bring their children. This organization is for individuals who eat compulsively. Details: 525-5231.

■ **Toastmasters, do** it now. Stand up and say what you mean. Come practice- Tuesday, noon to 1 p.m. at 700 Heinz Ave. Call 883-6708 for details.

■ **Civil Rights** activists needed. Write the ACLU chapter of Berkeley, Albany, Richmond, and Kensington. P.O. Box 11141, Berkeley, CA., 94701.

■ **"Work Buddies";** volunteers needed to work with people in early stage Alzheimer's Disease. Minimum six-month commitment, two to three hours per week. Training provided. Contact Nannette Lipton, 644-8292.

■ **Psychic Healing** clinic; 7 to 9 p.m. Mondays; free clinic at the Academy for Psychic Studies in Berkeley, aura cleansing, stress relief; 800-642-9355.

■ **SMART project;** the Alcohol Research Group in Berkeley is conducting a study to compare the cost and effectiveness of two kinds of substance abuse day treatment: medical model day treatment and social model day treatment. By calling 1-888-249-8802 and agreeing to do three interviews, individuals chosen for the study receive free treatment at existing treatment programs.

■ **The Edible** Schoolyard, an organic gardening and cooking program at Berkeley's King Middle School, seeks volunteers to work with students, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call 558-1335.

■ **English-In-**Action lets you make friends from around the world. Volunteer as a conversation partner with a foreign UC scholar/student for one hour weekly. YWCA, at Berkeley. Call 843-9716.

■ **Women's Daytime** Drop-in Center in Berkeley; serving women who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless, needs volunteers. The Center is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Volunteers are needed for morning and afternoon shifts. For details call 466-5663.

Exhibits

■ John F. Kennedy University Arts Annex, 2956 San Pablo Ave. (second floor) in Berkeley hosts "Patterns, a free MFA Graduate Exhibition" Monday-Friday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., July 21-31. A reception will be held July 26, 5-8 p.m. 510-649-0499.

■ Photolab Gallery, 2235 Fifth St., continues its exhibit of black and white photographs by **East Bay photographer Andy Stewart** through July 19. A reception for the artist will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. June 14. For more information, call 510-644-1400 or Andy Stewart at 510-849-1765.

■ ACCI Gallery, 1652 Shattuck Ave., exhibition of **works by Tony Natsoulas** through July 14. Natsoulas, who earned a Master of Fine Arts and a Bachelor of Arts from UC Davis, comes from a pop art perspective and is positioned solidly in the California Funk Movement. Details: 510-843-2527.

■ **El Cerrito** presents Open Clay Studio ongoing classes on Mondays, 7-9 p.m. Experience with clay is helpful, but not necessary. Students will have chance to explore areas of clay work. Demonstrations and instruction provided on requests. Admission: $7:50 residents, $9.38 nonresidents. The location: Tassajara Pottery Center, 2575 Tassajara Boulevard. Details: Judie, 215-4371.

Film/dance/stage

■ **Learn easy** international folk dances, fun for all ages at the Albany YMCA, 921 Kains Ave. No experience needed. Wear comfortable shoes and come prepared for a good time. Admission: Adults $2, kids $1. Details: 525-1130.

■ **Family Folkdancing** takes place the third Sunday, 1-2:30 p.m. at Ashkenaz Music and Dance Community Center, 1317 San Pablo Ave. Instructor: Denise Schultz Weiss. Bring your feet and a spirit of fun. No experience necessary. An opportunity for families to dance and laugh together. Drop in for good fun and exercise. All ages welcome. Drop-in class, no registration needed. Adults $3, children $2. Details: 632-3713.

■ **Swing Dance** Classes! Learn East coast swing and Lindy Hop with Michael and Persephone of Shagtime Dance Instruction, on Mondays at the Work Studio, 2566 Telegraph Ave. Beginning Lindy Hop runs 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. East Coast Swing from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. and beginning Lindy Hop 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays, at The Beat, 2560 Ninth St. Classes run as a monthly series. Details: Michael Marangio at 528-7858.

■ **Katie's Dance Studio** in El Cerrito presents "Showtime 2003," June 28 and 29 at Diablo Valley College in Pleasant Hill. Dancers ranging in age from 3 to over 55, perform tap, jazz, hip-hop, ballet, acrobatic and dances. For details about show times and purchasing tickets call 510-524-1310 or 925-229-2695.

■ Dance to the swinging sounds of **Afro-Cuban Dance** music with Jesus Diaz y Su QBZ at 9:30 p.m. June 28, at La Pena Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck Ave. Admission: $12. For more information, call 510-849-2568.

■ **Actors Ensemble of Berkeley,** the city's oldest stage company completes its 46th season with "The Bacchae," at 5:30 p.m. June 21, outdoors at Berkeley's John Hinkel Park, off The Arlington at Southampton Avenue and Sonoma Place. Performances continue thro July 6. Free admission. For more i mation, call 510-525-1620 or visit Web site at www.aeofberkeley.org.

■ **Central Works Theater Ensem** continues its production of "The Wo Sisters," a comedy, through July the Berkeley City Club, 2315 Dura Ave., and July 25 through Aug. 10 the Thick House, 1695 18th St., S Francisco. Dinner is available in th Berkeley City Club Dining Room b the show on Thursdays and Satur Theatre tickets: $8-20 sliding scal more information, call 510-558-13 For dinner reservations call 510-8 7800.

Health

■ **Charcot Marie Tooth** support meets Saturdays bimonthly at We Berkeley Library, 1125 University from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. CMT is a ne pathic disorder. Details: 524-3506

■ **YWCA Health** and Community cation; drop in classes in dance, yoga, martial arts and more; Unie YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way; 848-6 $8 - $10.

Lecture/worksh

■ **The Berkeley Camera Club** m every Tuesday evening, at 7:30 p the Northbrae Community Churc The Alameda, Berkeley. Share you slides and prints and learn what photographers are doing. Monthly trips. Details: Don, 510-525-3565 www.berkeleycameraclub.org.

■ **Berkeley Richmond** Jewish C nity Center expanded its collectio contemporary fiction, nonfiction children's books. Meet the childre brarian, research your Jewish roo check out best sellers. The library open to the public. Hours: 11 an p.m. Monday through Thursday; p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays. Deta 848-0237.

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Meetings/Lectures

■ **Kol Hadash** is the Bay area's only Jewish Humanistic Congregation, with more than 110 family members from Berkeley to Danville, Petaluma, San Francisco to Concord, and all communities in between. The group meet on the 4th Friday of each month for a regular Shabbat (Sabbath), every other month on a Saturday for a Family Shabbat. The group holds Sunday school classes two Sundays a month, celebrates all the major Jewish holidays and holds special events from time to time. Location: Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave. For details call 428-1492.

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Miscellany

■ The UC Berkeley Botanical Garden, 200 Centennial Drive in Berkeley, holds **Twilight Tours** with an expert horticulturist every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. from July 9 to Aug. 13. Tours free for members, $5 for non-members (includes garden admission).

■ The University of California **Botanical Garden presents Twilight Tours** with an expert horticulturist every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. from July 9 to Aug. 13. Free for members, $5 for non members, includes garden admission. Entrance fees are $3 for adults, $2 for seniors and UC Berkeley Alumni Association members. Call 510-643-2755 to register.

■ **Friendship Circle,** a Jewish club for older adults, meet 11:30 to 1:30 p.m. Wednesdays, at the Oakland Senior Center, 200 Grand Ave. The club is an outreach program of Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center. Activities include day trips, Jewish holiday celebrations, theater outings, entertainment, speaker and much more. Call Maria at 848-0237 ext. 115 for details.

■ **Improve your** speaking skills by attending Berkeley Communicators' Toastmaster meetings, the first and third Wednesdays each month at 7:15 a.m. at Vault's Cafe, 3250 Adeline St. Call 527-2337 for more information.

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■ **Disabled American** Veterans Chapter 25 meets on the third Tuesday of the month. The evening begins with a no host dinner and fellowship at 7 p.m. at 2068 Center St. A short business meeting follows at 8 p.m. at 1931 Center St., the Veterans Memorial Building. Price: $3. Women who have had relatives in the US Military are invited to attend and join the auxiliary. For more details call R. DeRiti, Cmdr. D.A.V. Chapter 25, 916-372-8364.

■ **The YWCA** offers free orientations of its Turning Point Career Center. The orientations outline the resources available to the public and the great variety of workshops held every Tuesday, 1:30 p.m. The Turning Point Career Center is located at 2600 Bancroft Way. For more information, call 848-6370.

■ **The Berkeley** Avatar Metaphysics Toastmasters Club meet on the first and third Thursdays, from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m., at 2515 Hillegass Ave. Public speaking skills and metaphysics come together. For details, call 869-2547 or 643-7645.

■ **Berkeley Toastmasters** Club meet monthly, the first and third Thursdays at 2515 Hillegass Ave. The group specializes in developing its communication and public speaking skills in the field of metaphysics. The group also learn from each other through short speeches. Call Odette Larde at 869-2547 or 643-7645.

■ **The Kensington** Senior Activity Center meets on Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave. The center's community program of life-long learning is presented by the West Contra Costa Adult School. Attend any class or event you choose. Everyone over 55 is welcome. Details: 526-9146 or 547-1969.

■ **The YWCA** offers free orientations every Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. of its Turning Point Career Center, 2600 Bancroft Way. The orientations outline the center's resources and the variety of workshops it offers to the public. For details call 848-6370.

■ **Speak Smart!** Join Beijing Express Toastmasters, The Smart Club! Meetings take place each Monday, 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. at Peking Express Restaurant, 2068 Center St. For additional information call 549-9671.

■ **Toastmasters Meeting:** Stand up and say what you mean. Come practice with us. Every Tuesday, Noon to 1 p.m. at 700 Heinz Ave. Berkeley. Call 883-6708 for more information.

■ **Joy of** Yiddish: Yiddish conversation at 1 p.m. at the North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst. Call 644-6107 for additional information.

■ **The Berkeley** Communicators Toastmasters Club meet on the first and third Wednesday of the month from 7:15 to 8:30 a.m. at the Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant. Details: 524-3765.

■ **The Berkeley** Arthritis Support and Education Group meets on the second Tuesday of each month (except December) 1 to 2:30 p.m. in the Maffly Auditorium, Herrick Campus, 2001 Dwight Way. For additional information call 204-4503.

■ **Toastmasters on** Campus meet the second and fourth Wednesday of the month from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. at the English Language Program Building, 2515 Hillegass. Details: 704-1822.

■ **Public speaking** skills and metaphysics come together at Avatar Metaphysical Toastmasters. On-going meetings first and third Thursdays, 6:15 to 7:30 p.m., 2515 Hillegass Ave., Call 869-2547 for details.

■ **"Voices of Healing"** is a group exploring the psychological and spiritual dimensions of illness and healing. The group meets on the second Friday of each month, 1 to 2:30 p.m. in North Berkeley. Call 528-1235 for more information.

■ **State Health** Toastmasters Club meet every second, third and fourth Thursday of the month from 12:10 to 1:10 p.m. at the State Health building, 2151 Berkeley Way. Details: 649-7750.

■ **Higher Alignment;** 7 p.m.- 9:30 p.m. Mondays; fun, informative seminars creating spiritual partnerships; Feldenkreis Center, 830 Bancroft Way, Berkeley; 415-461-5337; $20.

Taxes

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"If (city) staff or council was aware of the status of this tax after June 2001 and before May 5, 2003, when the El Cerrito Citizens' Alliance raised this issue, then continuing to collect this tax amounts to theft from those who were forced to pay it," he said last month.

Magyary ripped the council for not publicly discussing the issue.

"They clearly don't want openness and transparency and want to play political games and spend money without being held accountable," said Magyary, who last year prompted the council to collect business license fees that the Citizens' Alliance found had been arbitrarily waived in some cases.

Magyary said members of the alliance began researching the transfer tax after winning the business-license dispute because they believed the city could not police itself and would not disclose what was happening with city finances.

Councilwoman Janet Abelson said the Citizens' Alliance's criticisms were politically motivated.

"If his real interest is in getting rid of that tax, he should have said, 'Thank you very much,'" Abelson said. "He did exactly the opposite. Therefore, I assume it's a political agenda."

A lawyer for the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association said the tax watchdog group has sued some cities that didn't drop their transfer taxes after the court ruling. Whether cities are affected by the ruling depends on when their tax was enacted.

"We did see several cities voluntarily do the right thing," in the 2001 ruling, said Tim Bittle, the association's director of legal affairs. "Some, we've had to sue. Others that have escaped our notice like El Cerrito are getting around to it later."

The ruling came in a case involving a utility tax in the Orange County city of La Habra that had been enacted without a vote after Prop. 62 passed but more than three years before it was finally declared constitutional in 1995.

The Jarvis association argued that the three-year statute of limitations on collecting an illegal tax begins again every time the tax is collected. The state Supreme Court eventually ruled with the association.

Bittle said that as of November, Hercules and El Cerrito were still collecting utility taxes overturned by the La Habra case.

"We have no litigation going on against any of those cities, even though we know about the apparent illegal tax because nobody's contacted us and volunteered to be a plaintiff," Bittle said.

El Cerrito's repeal of the transfer tax will go into effect 30 days after the City Council's final approval. The city is refunding money to anyone who has bought or sold a home or business and applied for a refund within a year.

"While the city may have saved money, it certainly hurts the credibility of leadership of the city that they weren't fully forthcoming about this," said Kris Vosburgh, the executive director of the Jarvis Association.

Michael Coleman, a chief consultant with the League of California Cities, said cities have struggled with understanding tax initiatives and legal rulings while seeing large portions of their property taxes siphoned off to the state.

"I have no basis to say they're doing anything wrong or crazy or whatever," Coleman said. "I have respect for city officials and the hard work they do. They act in good faith, and they probably made some errors."

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LS

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hrifting is an obsession and f life for some people, with cluded, since I'm teaching Sass," Finnin said.

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any resident Carolie Sly d CLS five years ago. Its n is to develop the ths and passions of youth dolescents and cultivate capacity to improve the

ving worked for the da County Superintendent ools as a science and en- nental education coordi- for 14 years and as a r prior to that, Sly wanted something new.

S has offered tutoring and educational projects for gers, does education cur- n design, meeting facilita- nd waste-reduction teach- 10 school districts, mostly East Bay.

2000, CLS began running Eclectica at 1309 Solano with a group of local parents and teen-agers. The cafe was intended to be a hangout and a place to volunteer five or six days a week and a venue for local bands Friday nights.

The bands were the most successful part of the cafe — so much so that they ultimately put the cafe out of business, after neighbors complained about the noise.

Citing a lack of support from the community and a lack of business during open hours, the cafe closed to the public in March. But CLS remains headquartered there and still offers performances by the East Bay and San Francisco Improv organizations. The cafe is also available for rental.

"The public cafe thing was a labor of love, but it didn't capture our expertise and it didn't capture money," said Sly, who has a Ph.D. in science education from UC-Berkeley. "... This refocuses our efforts where our expertise is, which is teaching and learning."

CLS pays $1,440 a month for the former cafe space and plans to renew its lease for three more years in November.

In the meantime, the organization is offering summer classes based on its environmental philosophy, and pretty much anything else its staff of four people know how to do and would be appealing to teen-agers.

Courses include: Learning how to DJ, sewing, cooking, money management, chemistry, writing, band marketing and more.

In the fall, CLS will begin a half-day independent study program for home-schooled students or those studying independently. The program would be personalized for each student, who will work with CLS staff on projects and community service, Sly said.

Grants, the primary source of funding for CLS, are drying up thanks to the poor economy, Sly said the fall and summer classes are CLS's first "fee for service" programs it has done to make up for the shortfall.

The cost for the summer programs is $100 to $150 for week-long sessions.

"It's really hard to live on just grant money," Sly said. "Up until the last six months, we've always been supported by grant money. So we're transitioning like a lot of non-profits to have fee-for-service things."

The transition includes creating courses such as the thrifting workshop held this week. Finnin came up with the idea for the thrifting class because it's something she's loved to do since she was a teen-ager.

It may not become an obsession for the three young girls, though they happily put together their projects using recycled materials and a glue gun.

Later in the week, they were scheduled to take a field trip to a used-goods store and put projects together from the found items. The girls already had some experience.

"A lot of my friends like to shop on Telegraph, and there's a lot of thrift stores there," said 13-year-old Portola Middle School eighth-grader Emily Wilkins.

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MORE ON CLS

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NEWS BRIEFS

El Cerrito

City Council cancels three meetings

The City Council has canceled its July 7, Aug. 4 and Sept. 4 meetings. The council will meet for its regular meetings on the third Mondays of July, August and September as scheduled — July 21, Aug. 18 and Sept. 15. The council meets in the council chambers of the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane. For information, call 510-215-4305.

July 10 school reconstruction meeting set

A community meeting to view and discuss a recommended master plan for the reconstruction of El Cerrito High School will be held Thursday, July 10, at 7 p.m., at the El Cerrito High School Little Theater, 540 Ashbury Ave. A site committee will consider several possible options for new construction at a July 8 meeting. For information, call Viviana Ini at 510-450-1999.

Richmond

Parent meeting to cover school district issues

A parent meeting regarding recent West County School District issues will be held Saturday, July 12, from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., at the Richmond Public Library community room. The meeting is a continuation of meetings held in recent months to create ideas for student advocacy. On July 12, parents will share ideas, and begin to create some short- and long-term goals for sustained parent involvement in the decision-making and budget processes of the school district. For information, call Laura Soble at 510-847-6128.

Kensington

Kensington Seniors plan activities

The Kensington Senior Activity Center will meet 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. July 10 at the Arlington Community Church Social Hall, 52 Arlington Avenue, Kensington. Alan Kaplan will present "The New Kingdom of Life," and there will be a morning German conversation group. Lunch will be held at 12:15 p.m. for $3. For information, call 510-526-9146.

Radio

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In the event of a total communications breakdown, amateur radio would be only way to gather and spread information. If the fire department's repeaters — necessary for clear communication but necessarily installed at high locations — ever are destroyed by disaster, NALCO will back up emergency services and be available for city officials.

"We are able to provide another communication path in times of emergency," said NALCO secretary Jim Johnston. "In the meantime, we practice our procedures and do some community service."

A few days each year, NALCO transforms into RACES, or Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service.

On Memorial Day, the Fourth of July, Labor Day and sporadic "red flag days" of high risk, volunteer operators patrol Berkeley and Albany to notify the fire department of hazards such as blocked hydrants or illegal barbecues.

"They provide additional eyes on days of high danger, said Deputy Fire Chief David L. Orth. "They are very advantageous to us."

There are emergency service groups in Alameda, Oakland, San Francisco and beyond, all with similar agreements with their local departments.

At least 300 known hams in the Bay Area work their radios for a range of recreational uses, from Morse Code transmissions to "rag-chewing," the classic two-way trucker-type chat. They can contact radios across the globe with just 100 watts of power.

Because amateur radios are powered by car batteries, an energy source that literally lines city streets, they are ideal for communication in crisis. So far, no disaster has reduced Berkeley to dependence on amateur radio, and NALCO hopes none ever will.

"We're just going along waiting for an emergency we never want to happen," said Johnston.

For Johnston, who first obtained an amateur radio license in 1949, amateur is hardly a description of experience.

"The word 'amateur' roots from 'amo,' the Latin word for love," said Johnston. "Amateur, rather than professional, means you do it because you love it."

If you would like to learn more about NALCO or amateur radio, call Jim Johnston at 510-525-0828.

Schedule

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Fourth of July events will be held at the Portola Middle School yard at Moeser Lane and Navellier Street and across the street at Cerrito Vista Park.

11 a.m.-4 p.m. Food, arts booths, kids games, crafts booths, dancing and more.

11 a.m.-7 p.m. Music and dance festival at Cerrito Vista Park, sponsored by the worldOne radio program on the West Contra Costa School District's radio station KECG.

Featured performers include: Indian classical dancer Jyoti Kala Mandir, bluegrass music by the Whiskey Brothers, belly dancing from the Suhaila Salimpour School of Dance in El Cerrito, Reggae Angels, Andean folk dance from Bolivia Corazon de America and more.

The events are sponsored by worldOne, the El Cerrito Rotary Club and the city.

For information, go online at www.worldoneradio.org or www.el-cerrito.org or call 510-215-4371.

And elsewhere:

Alameda events include:

■ The 28th annual Mayor's Fourth of July Parade starting at 10 a.m. on Park Street at Lincoln Avenue and proceeds via Otis Drive, Grand Street, Encinal Avenue, Central Avenue and Webster Street.

■ The first Mayor's Fourth of July Parade Race, a 5K run starting at 9 a.m. Entry fees support Alameda charities. Information: 510-337-7037 or go to www.alamedarace.com.

■ The crew of the USS Hornet and The Wave Nation take to the decks of the Aircraft Carrier Hornet for food, crafts and live performances by Bay Area artists including Radio Noise, Unauthorized Rolling Stones, Sacred Journey, Krystyle, Rudy Columbini and Cosmo.

The Hornet festivities begin at 1 p.m. with nonstop music and after dark, watching fireworks around the Bay from the Flight Deck.

Adults are $15 for the day, children 5 and younger are free, ages 5-18 years $5. There's plenty of free parking. Details: 510-521-8448 or www.uss-hornet.org.

Berkeley's free holiday celebration runs from noon to 10 p.m. at the Berkeley Marina.

The alcohol-free event will feature entertainment on two stages, arts and crafts and sailboat rides all capped by the 9:30 p.m. fireworks show.

All cars must be into the marina by 7 p.m. and will not be permitted exit until after 10 p.m.

For information, call 510-548-5335.

The day's schedule is:

■ Adventure Playground, 11 a.m.-8 p.m.

■ Reverend Rabia, blues guitar, noon- 2 p.m.

■ Troupe Tangiers belly dancer, noon-1 p.m.

■ Madame Ovary's egg puppets, noon-7 p.m.

■ Professor Gizmo, one-man band, 1-2 p.m.

■ Sailboat rides, 1-4 p.m.

■ Southbound, dance music, 2-5 p.m.

■ Body and Soul, dance music, 2-4:30 p.m.

■ Bird Legg and the Tite Fit Blues Band, dance music 4:30-7 p.m.

■ Mamborama, dance music, 5-7:30 p.m.

■ Kollasuyo, dance music, 5-9 p.m.

■ Bicycle parade, 7 p.m.

■ MotorDude Zydeco, dance music, 7-9:30 p.m.

Piedmont will hold a parade July 4 from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on Highland Avenue. The traditional parade features local bands, floats and antique cars. A pancake breakfast precedes it and a community festival follows it, in Piedmont Park.

In **Pinole,** the annual Independence Day festival in Fernandez Park will begin at 4 p.m. featuring the Latin Soul Project West Coast Salsa & Soul. Fireworks will be launched at Bayfront Park at dusk. Information: 510-724-4484.

Richmond will hold a fund-raising barbecue to raise money for the ongoing restoration of the S.S. Red Oak Victory, located at 1500 Dornan Drive, Point Richmond.

The shipboard barbecue will offer views of fireworks displays over the Bay.

Tickets are $15, in advance only. Call 510-222-9200.

Marina Bay Park will be the location of the city's annual fireworks display, 7-10 p.m. July 3.

WHAT'S OPEN; WHAT'S CLOSED

What local facilities will be open over the Fourth of July holiday weekend.

	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Federal offices	closed	closed	closed
State offices	closed	closed	closed
County offices	closed	closed	closed
Most city offices*	closed	closed	closed
Post offices	closed	open	closed
Schools	closed	closed	closed
Banks	closed	some open	closed
Major retail	open	open	open
AC transit	Sunday schedule	Regular schedule	Regular schedule
BART	Sunday schedule	Regular schedule	Regular schedule
WestCAT	Sunday schedule	Regular schedule	Regular schedule

*Not all cities with meters allow free parking on all holidays. Information is on meters.

Amtrak to Sacramento runs on a weekend schedule for major holidays.

Myths

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■ George Washington didn't have wooden false teeth. They were made of hippopotamus tusks and cow's teeth. He lost his own choppers due to an unfortunate habit of cracking walnuts with his teeth. People warned him it would happen, but would he listen? Noooooo.

Washington didn't cut down a cherry tree, either. That story was invented by an itinerant bookseller and occasional preacher named Mason Weems 20 years after Washington's death.

Incidentally, that stern face staring out from the $1 bill doesn't look much like the real Washington. He and the artist, Gilbert Stuart, took an instant dislike to each other from the moment they met; and most historians think the portrait is Stuart's revenge.

Which isn't to say Washington wasn't a formidable character. Once, John Hancock bet Governor Morris that he wouldn't have the guts to clap Washington familiarly on the back. Morris won the bet, but Washington's frosty reaction so unnerved him, he vowed never to attempt anything like that again.

■ Ben Franklin didn't fly a kite in a thunderstorm. That hazardous duty was left to his illegitimate son, William, who dutifully took the risks while dad stayed safely to the side, taking notes, and the credit.

And how did he repay William? When the w out, William declared to England and was clapped away in a dan for seven long years. never lifted a finger to

■ Paul Revere ne "The British are com would have made no cause in 1776 Revere, other patriot, still co himself a British subje he really said was, "T lars are coming."

He didn't say, "One if two if by sea," either. was invented during War by Henry W Longfellow, who wro Midnight Ride of Paul R boost Union morale. G paganda, so-so poetry, tory.

■ The Battle of Bu wasn't fought on Bunke was fought on nearby Hill. But Bunker Hill cooler, so that's what th it. An early example management.

"But in more importa the Revolution still has teach us," says emi Berkeley historian Rob dlekauff, author of "Th ous Cause."

"The Revolution was the price of tea, it w power — and how to abuses. Pretty relevan own time, don't you th

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Target

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the city's Cleveland Avenue/Eastshore Highway redevelopment area. The idea behind redevelopment is to eliminate blight and encourage new development.

After taking public comment, the City Council, acting as the city's redevelopment agency — called the Reinvestment Agency in Albany — will decide whether to approve: an addendum to the redevelopment plan's environmental impact report; a conditional use permit to authorize a retail use in that district; and approval of the design itself — a 164,865-square-foot store plus an adjacent 8,000-square-foot garden center.

The Planning and Zoning Commission has recommended that the Reinvestment Agency move to approve the project

The store will have two levels and 607 parking spaces. It would be scheduled to be built by October 2004.

"I know that there are people out there that have concerns, notably about traffic and also how it fits in with the Albany character," said City Administrator Beth Polla yet on other hand, th been people who had that have been to the ning and zoning whose concerns we pated."

In response to tra cerns, Target intends percent of the cost of light at Buchanan St Eastshore Highway motorists to make a there, though the com mits it could take 18 m be put in.

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105-year-old home helps preserve, stabilze Berkeley neighborhood

Colonial Revival home ns award from Berkeley chitectural Heritage sociation

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Each year, the Berkeley Archi-tural Heritage Association HA) recognizes outstanding lo- projects in the preservation field. From large projects by the University, to small bungalows in Berkeley, BAHA seeks out projects that represent all aspects of preservation and that also have community value. This year, 10 awards were given that span the spectrum from the hills to the flatlands.

The award given to Jerri Holan & Associates, Architects, for the Wm. A. Knowles House, a Colonial Revival home built around 1895, illustrates the many challenges homeowners have when rehabilitating their old homes. It also illustrates the many opportunities they have to bring their homes into the 21st century.

At the time of purchase, this home had not been maintained and was in need of major repairs as well as structural upgrades. It contained a basement which had a partial wood floor the balance of which was dirt.

The existing foundation was brick. A three-story brick fireplace ran up through the middle of the structure. The house had no heat. And many of its old windows needed attention.

The owners initially planned to do major structural improvements (foundation replacement and window repairs) in conjunction with making the basement area a habitable family space.

To do this, the structure was raised 4 feet to create a ventilated crawl space. Favorable loan conditions allowed the scope of work eventually to expand and include kitchen and bathroom renovations, sunroom improvements, roof repairs, fireplace replacement, a rear veranda addition, period light fix-

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FROM PLAIN TO OLYCHROME: the remodel of this 105-year-old Colonial Revival home in Berkeley did much more than improve the home's interior. The home's outdoor color scheme added grace and style to the facade and helped preserve its Berkeley neighborhood's character. The Berkeley Architectural Heritage Association awarded the project a prestigious preservation award.

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Real Estate Spotlight:

Tuscan villa complex basks in Berkeley

INSPIRED BY A TUSCAN VILLA, this enchanting property at 971 Hilldale, Berkeley, is secluded on its own promontory, a veritable Italian village. This is a Mediterranean experience of sun, light and vistas of the bay. Exquisite gardens surround the property with cascading terraces, fountains, double staircase, a unique blue-tiled pool, a grotto, and hand wrought iron gates and balconies. This is a private world created when the cost to create a total environment of such quality, imagination and the finest workmanship was not a consideration.

The main residence has three bedrooms and three baths, separate library/office, six elegant fireplaces, an underground wine cellar and a ballroom. There are two private guest residences, featuring soaring beamed ceilings and dining balconies with hand-carved balustrades. Each guest house has its own separate entry and access to the main gardens. A detached caretaker's cottage enjoys its own courtyard and garage. Situated on an approximately 21,000-square-foot parcel, the property in total has 17 rooms, 11 fireplaces, and six garages. The old-world charm is complemented by modern, engineered infrastructure and systems.

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To make matters more complicated, the lowest rates appear to be alternating every week or two between the large lenders. As a lender's rates decrease, its activity increases and proper customer service is forgotten.

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Little-known gems of the East Bay

MARK WILSON
Owning A Piece of History

Part three of three parts

In the concluding part of this series on hidden architectural gems, we will take a look at three historic sites in Berkeley that most people would never guess existed. One is a pair of Late Victorian-era cottages on the UC Berkeley campus, the second a Gothic style cloister designed by Julia Morgan, and the third a pair of spec houses that Morgan designed in her first year of independent practice.

At the southeastern edge of the UC Berkeley campus, just behind Wurster Hall, (the Environmental Design Department) stand two remnants of Berkeley's rustic early roots. These are the only remaining residences of what was once a block of College Avenue, (College once ran one block further north than it does today). They still have their original addresses of 2241 and 2243.

Both these picturesque cottages were built by developer Warren Cheney. Number 2241 has a mixture of Queen Anne and Stick Eastlake details on its exterior. It was built in 1885, and was once the home of James Turney Allen, an early professor of Greek at the University.

Number 2243 College Ave. displays the stylistic features of a Victorian-era Swiss Chalet, including wide overhanging eaves with carved brackets, a second story overhang, and Stickwork resembling half-timbering. It was built in 1902, one year after Queen Victoria died, and is therefore technically an Edwardian-era home. These two cottages are now owned by the University, and have been used to house various small offices in recent years.

> (A look) at three historic sites in Berkeley that most people would never guess existed. One is a pair of Late Victorian-era cottages on the UC Berkeley campus, the second a Gothic style cloister designed by Julia Morgan, and the third a pair of spec houses that Morgan designed in her first year of independent practice.

On Dwight Way at Bowditch Street, across the street from the Maybeck Christian Science Church, is the only Gothic style cloister in Berkeley. It is adjacent to and behind Hobart Hall, designed by Julia Morgan in 1918 as the administration building for the American Baptist Seminary of the West. Hobart Hall was built in Tudor Revival style, which means it combines elements of late Gothic with English Renaissance.

The cloister has large Gothic arches lined with stone that support a brick walkway adjoining the two wings of the old Baptist Seminary along Dwight Way. This walkway continues around two other sides of the cloister, but it is open across the south end of the courtyard, (making it technically three quarters of a cloister). These two later sections of the walkway and the chapel at southwest corner were not designed by Julia Morgan.

This hidden cloister has a connection with my personal history. In the early 1970s, when I was an undergraduate at UC Berkeley, I returned in the fall from a three month hitchhiking trip across Europe just as my junior year was about to begin. There were no rooms in the dorms available then, so for three weeks while I looked for an apartment, I slept beneath the old oak tree in the middle of the cloister because it reminded me of Europe.

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JULIA MORGAN DESIGNED these two spec houses on Etna Street in Berkeley.

A few blocks to the east, on Etna Street just south of Dwight Way, stand two modest brown-shingled hoses designed by Julia Morgan. These homes, at 2531 and 2535 Etna Street, were built as speculative houses in 1905, the first year that Julia Morgan had opened her own practice. Therefore, these are the among the oldest documented designs by Julia Morgan.

> Standing in front of these two architectural gems, one can get a very strong sense of the creativity and future success that Julia Morgan would achieve.

These simple houses are both two stories, and their entrances face each other across a narrow, shaded walkway. Although they have almost no exterior ornament, they display a subtle sophistication in their handling of line, materials, and massing. Standing in front of these two architectural gems, one can get a very strong sense of the creativity and future success that Morgan would achieve on the threshold of her illustrious career.

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THIS STICK-EASTLAKE HOUSE was built about 1885. The h is on the UC Berkeley campus behind the architecture departi

Dunning

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cessing of your loan is less of a concern. On the other hand, as a buyer or seller, you could be harmed by unexpected delays.

Pre-approval letter not loan approval

A pre-approval letter is a requirement for an offer to be seriously considered. In most cases, this document is prepared by a mortgage broker who works with a variety of lenders. It indicates that the buyer's credit, funds and employment have been verified and are satisfactory.

There is a computer-based system that can determine whether the buyer meets general underwriting guidelines. If that has been completed as part of the pre-approval process, it makes the letter even stronger.

Nonetheless, a pre-approval letter, unless issued by the same lender that will grant the loan, is not the same as an absolute guarantee that the buyer will qualify. Making binding plans based on a pre-approval letter could turn out to be a mistake.

In our still-competitive market, some aggressive agents take risks with their clients' welfare, whose implications may not be understood until it is too late. With a pre-approval letter in hand, agents who write contracts without a loan contingency (unless the buyer has all the cash necessary to close the sale without a loan) are putting their buyer, and the seller, in a possibly vulnerable position. (See my previous, related article, *Unwritten Contingencies*, on my Web site.)

If there is no loan contingency (even though the buyer needs a loan), and the escrow closes late, or worse, not at all, the buyer could be responsible for damages to the seller. For example, if the seller commits to closing on another property by a certain date, and then incurs large costs because your loan delays caused it to close late, the seller may look to collect from you, the buyer, and your agent.

Promises not kept

I just closed an escrow that aged me unnecessarily. The buyers were extraordinarily well qualified; the home they were purchasing was lovely and had no red flags that would slow down a loan; and the escrow was a longer-than-usual, 50-plus days. As they say in the lending business, this should have been a "slam-dunk." It was not.

Although my buyer had a pre-approval letter, it was not from a particular lender, but from a mortgage broker. Today, lenders can barely handle actual loan applications. As a rule, there are scant resources for pre-approving borrowers who may, or may not, ever apply for a loan.

The first clue of a problem with the lender was its failure to approve the loan in a reasonable period, three weeks in this case. This was despite the fact that all paperwork and documentation had been provided early. After almost a month, loan approval was finally granted, the loan contingency was removed and the escrow proceeded.

About 10 days before the scheduled close date, the mortgage broker requested that the lender prepare loan documents and send them to escrow. Understanding that there is a turnaround time for lender review after the buyer signs the loan "docs," I knew we needed to have the forms in escrow by Friday for a close the following Thursday. We were assured by the bank representative this would happen. It did not.

I called and told the listing agent there was a good chance the escrow would close late. His sellers were in contract on another house, and he was unhappy to hear the news. It was the prototypical "domino" effect.

Calls were made to the lender and papers were promised for Monday. None were sent. Every ensuing day the number of calls by the mortgage broker to the bank increased, until they reached one per hour, each day. Almost all of these inquires went unanswered. The few times the bank's managers did respond, we were again promised that the docs would be e-mailed to escrow that day.

Each day arrived, more calls were made, promises were broken and loan docs were not delivered. Finally, on the Thursday scheduled for closing, with still no papers in escrow, I suggested that the buyer go personally to the bank's regional office to confront the underwriter. I knew they would not talk with me; it was worth the long shot that they would speak with my buyer.

When he arrived, he was told they could not locate his file. After almost an hour, they realized that the person who was supposed to be working on the file had called in sick. It was sitting on her desk, one of about 200, mainly unattended, loans being processed by that office.

Success at last

My buyer remained in the underwriter's office for five hours until he saw her e-mail the loan docs to escrow and I confirmed they had been received. I signed the buyers in escrow the next day and the husband hand-carried the signed papers to the underwriter.

The loan was funded on Monday, and closed on Tuesday, three business days, but seemingly years of heartache, later.

If there was any good fortune in this situation, it was that the lender had a local processing office and I had a buyer who was willing to stand up for his rights. In almost 24 years in real estate, I have never experienced anything like this and hope to never have to again.

Interestingly, several days later, I heard from a veteran local broker that he had had an even worse experience with the same lender and had closed three weeks late.

Final thoughts

Until interest rates rise and loan demands slackens, buyers, sellers and their agents have to be aware of lender delays. As a seller, it does not serve your best interests to allow your agent to insist on impossibly short loan contingencies.

On the buyer's end, writing an unrealistic contract regarding financing could cause upset and, possibly, expensive penalties if you do not perform.

Buyers, sellers and their agents need to ask who the lender is and their time frame for processing. Most importantly, buyers must be circumspect about making offers without loan contingencies; sellers should insist on proof of cash to close if a buyer does this.

Remember that, in today's out-of-control loan market, only lenders with uncompetitive rates can keep up with the volume.

Plan accordingly.

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Remodel

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tures and exterior and interior restorations.

All the home's existing historic materials and construction were retained and restored, for example, on the exterior and in the living and dining rooms. Where materials and finishes were missing or out-of-style, as in the kitchen and baths, they were remodeled in sympathy with the home's colonial style.

In addition to improving the structure's lateral stability, a completely new, three-zone hydronic heating system was installed.

This energy-saving system heats the house using the water heater as the heat source rather than a typical furnace.

Furthermore, with Berkeley's recent ban on traditional wood-burning fireplaces, the hazardous brick fireplace was replaced with a direct-vent (or *faux*) fireplace. This period-style, "coal-burning" unit was easily retrofitted into the original wood mantel.

Special highlights of this renovation project include the kitchen which had been remuddled sometime in the 1960s.

Tall wood windows replaced squat aluminum sashes and a genuine tin ceiling was installed (once the 8-foot dropped ceiling was removed and the original 10-foot high space restored).

Panel cabinets, matching painted sinks, and modern appliances blend old and new for a period look that blends into the original home. Traditional hanging light fixtures were also important in regaining the colonial interior style of the house.

For the final touch and after much paint mixing and debate, a seven-color custom paint scheme for the exterior was selected that highlights the craftsmanship and details of this Colonial Revival residence.

Located in a prominent neighborhood, the project makes a standing contribution to the munity. Zoned for four story area is a mixture of student ing and gentrified turn-of-th tury houses and contains old, large properties such one. The home is surroun bland, four-story apartment ings, a result of the Unive proximity.

Due to severe deteriorati structural deficiencies, the might have been demolish a similar apartment hous structed on this property.

Instead, the owners chos store the house, and the th munity benefits from this ow cupied residence.

The improvements prese stabilize the historic residen at the same time, the restore preserves and stabilizes the fabric of the neighborhood

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Number 432 in a series of true eriences in real estate

Every once in awhile in this iness, we hear a true horror y. Some years ago a woman ed us and told us a real ezie

It seems that she and her hus- d found a house for sale in sington. The attraction was so much the house (although ould do), but the bay view and e privacy of the large, heavily ed lot were exactly what they ght. They immediately made offer to buy.

Things went badly from the art. These are some of the ngs the agent told them that e completely untrue:

The price is high because the nd can be subdivided.

There are no land slides earby.

It's an advantage to have me present both the seller and you.

No, a body was not found on property last year.

The private road to the house not be used by the public.

Your bay view is protected by a tten agreement.

Sales always take this long to open.

There won't be any problem ting a loan.

There is no need to get copies the easements.

Anyway, there aren't any ease- ents.

It's against the law for you to e a copy of the loan appraisal.

The untruths unfolded over a eriod of weeks. By the time the nt left them a vague message t an extra $75,000 in cash uld be needed, the buyers e jittery but, feeling that the e of victory was undoubtedly vserverence, they voiced no mplaints.

It wasn't until the most amaz- event of all occurred that they ught help. One Sunday after- on they happily climbed the hill see the house and its bucolic ing. Their eyes met devasta- . All of the vegetation — every ure tree and planting — was kened and dead.

"It looks like Agent Orange has been sprayed everywhere. I can't tell you how terrible it is," the woman told us. "I called the agent. She said she'd ordered the weeds sprayed to reduce the fire risk, but this is everything — everything is dead."

"Do you still want to buy this house?" we naturally asked.

"Yes, we think so," she said. "We don't want to develop the property. We just want to live and garden there. Maybe after we move in, when the house is occupied again, the neighbors will allow us our privacy.

Maybe we can get insurance that will cover our liability for the road, and if we can find a way to redo the vegetation, we'd like to go ahead."

"But at what price?" we inquired. "The appraisal was done before the trees were destroyed. What is the property worth now? What will it cost, how long will it take to recover the growth?"

"You need to talk to your soils engineer again," we advised. "You need a new appraisal and a landscape expert. And you need a good real estate attorney."

Darned if she didn't say, "We don't want to get the agent in trouble. She's old and not very together. She might lose her job over this."

"For good real estate agents everywhere, we thank you for your generosity," we replied. "But you have a real problem here. If you are really going to go ahead with this purchase, you need information that isn't likely to come from the agent."

For weeks after this phone call, we talked about this mess. Dying of curiosity, we finally called the buyer back. They had not gotten the appraisal or met again with the engineer. They had not contacted an attorney, had not even talked to the agent's broker.

They had, however, made a new, lower offer. How they had arrived at this new price was not clear. And on that very day that we last talked, because they had not heard anything about their new offer, they had called the agent. Her reply, irritation in every word, had been, "I'm in a hurry, can't talk right now. I wish I'd never spent the time working on your offer. It was turned down."

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True Experiences

It looks like Agent Orange has been sprayed everywhere. I can't tell you how terrible it is. I called the agent. She said she'd ordered the weeds sprayed to reduce the fire risk, but this is everything — everything is dead.

The buyers wanted their $21,000 deposit back. They wanted to know if their latest offer had been, in fact, ever considered. They wished to find out what would happen to the property now.

Unfortunately, we had no answers. Sometimes nice people go along patiently, expecting things to work out, yet knowing all the while that something's stinking in Rotterdam.

"It's too late now, I know," said our caller. "But it just seemed to us that one agent was as good as any other."

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Discovering 'La Gue de la Roche': a French bed and breakfast

Through the years, the real estate team of Glass/Sabine has been privileged to represent several exquisite French Normandy-style homes, particularly in the Piedmont area.

Continuing her study of this architectural style, Sheila Sabine took a long weekend holiday and headed for the French countryside, near the town of Limoges, France.

Here, she had the privilege of staying at Le Gue de La Roche, a fantastic 19th-century petite chateau owned by Monique and Gerard Cabin.

Just behind their small chateau, which sits on three-plus acres of rolling green meadows filled with ancient trees, is a tiny hamlet called La Roche, dating back to 3,000 B.C. where remains of stone arrows have been discovered.

Rich in history, the area has been the site of emerald and gold mining, and Richard the Lion-Hearted actually died nearby.

Across the road is the roaring Nacienne River, ancient waterway for the Romans. The house itself was originally built by a wealthy family who owned riverside mills that were the main suppliers of all the flour for the region.

The three-story home contains 15 rooms and is a classic example of French country living at its best. The exterior is made of stone with a steep pitched roof and fancy iron grillwork on the doors and windows.

The rooms have 20-foot-high ceilings with filigree work (frisée) and all the many bedrooms have marble fireplaces, private baths and small balconies overlooking the surrounding countryside.

JUDITH GLASS & SHEILA SABINE
House Talk

Just behind their small chateau, which sits on three-plus acres of rolling green meadows filled with ancient trees, is a tiny hamlet called La Roche, dating back to 3,000 B.C. where remains of stone arrows have been discovered.

The kitchen features an enormous hand-carved granite mantle surrounding the huge fireplace, large enough to roast fresh game as well as cook an entire meal. There are three sitting rooms with elegant chandeliers, marble fireplaces and French doors everywhere.

Monique was a very busy floral and interior designer in Limoges; 15 years ago, she and her husband decided that it was time to simplify their busy city lives and move to the country. The many empty rooms were filled with the Cabins' wonderful collection of antiques and eclectic furnishings.

Monique is also a gifted painter and many of the walls display her fabulous scenes depicting their travels all over the world.

Monique says that in this home she has truly learned how to enjoy the "art de vivre" and wants to share that concept with all of her guests as well as a sense of hospitality without limits.

She feels that the chateau has provided a true sense of refuge in difficult times and the spirit of the house often speaks to her directly.

She has been guided over and over to share with others what she has learned from the house. Initially she had some hesitation in opening her doors but she describes a time that a friend gave her two large boxes of sterling silverware.

For months, the boxes sat on the veranda, neglected and unopened, until one day Monique's elderly mother walked in, rolled up her sleeves and said that it was time to start polishing the tarnished pieces. Soon after that, guests began arriving.

Indeed, the Cabins have hosted grateful guests from countries around the globe including Brazil, South Africa, China, Israel, Lebanon, Australia, Italy, Switzerland, England, and America, to name a few. Each guest is given the same warm reception and made to feel as if the small chateau was their very own home. There are no locks on the doors and the kitchen door is often left wide open so that the fresh country air can enter freely.

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New options available to MCC holders

BY BOBBIE REID
CORRESPONDENT

Many Bay Area homeowners Mortgage Credit Certificates Cs). MCC holders are first-time mebuyers who received assis- ce in qualifying for a mortgage through a tax credit. The cer- te authorizes the holder to take ain federal income tax credits, ch effectively lowers the buyers tgage interest rate.

The Alameda County Housing Community Development De- ment recently announced some tive changes affecting all MCC lders. The county is asking par- ating lenders, such as Vintage

r example, MCC lders are now able to finance more than ce. They may also be le to remove Private rtgage Insurance MI) payments. The st news is that these meowners, even ough they refinance eir mortgages are now e to keep their MCCs.

rtgage Group, to let MCC home- ners know their new options.

For example, MCC holders are able to refinance more than ce. They may also be able to re- ve Private Mortgage Insurance MI) payments. The best news is these homeowners, even ugh they refinance their mort- ges are now free to keep their CCs.

This news will interest those nsidering renovating or remod- ng their homes or consolidating r debt. Refinancing may not be everyone, but an agent can lly answer questions and con- ns. Evaluations are available; onsultation will also help in king educated decisions on ther or not this is the right time efinance.

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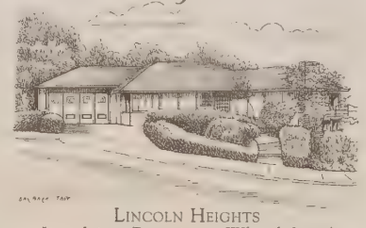

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KAREN SENZIG
Mortgage Madness

Late payments on credit cards, installment loans and mortgages and are another matter, especially if you were late 30, 60, 90 or more days. There are a few classic explanations that the lender will accept.

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Chateau

FROM PAGE B3

People always seem to gravitate toward the long wooden 18th-century kitchen table that came with the house. In addition, the kitchen features a lovely 18th-century buffet which was the first piece of furniture purchased for the house. Monique and Gerard bought it from the antiques dealer up the road who was actually born at La Gue de la Roche.

The kitchen is the true heart of the house. At the large table, visitors pour out their life stories over a glass of wine by the warm fire. It's also here in the kitchen where one experiences the essence of French cuisine prepared with flair and style by Monique.

She often comes in from the garden with a handful of fresh herbs, using them as her inspiration for the next meal.

At all times, tempting croissants and breads are waiting to be sampled for the petit déjeuner and at sunset, it's time to relax and enjoy a regional apéritif with Monique as she works her magic in the kitchen. Her cupboards hold many culinary secrets; on the last day of Sheila Sabine's visit, Monique opened one of those cupboards and pulled out a special paté and a bottle of local wine for Sheila to take home and share with friends and family.

In reflecting on their experiences of managing the chateau, Monique and Gerard emphasized these points:

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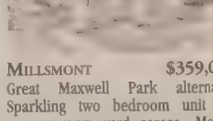

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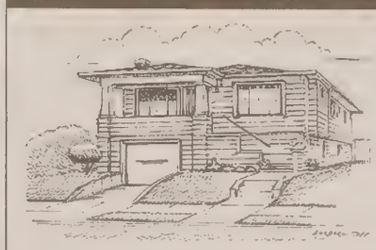

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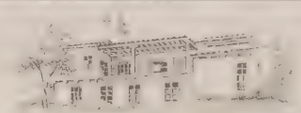

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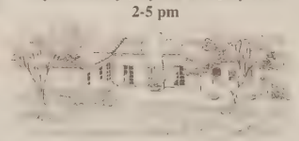

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■ Veteran sellers, buyers talk about working with real estate agents

BY MARY UMBERGER
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

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> Cornell Hudson

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That, give or take a few, is how many are in the field today, according to the National Association of Realtors. How is a consumer to choose the one to work with?

The usual industry saw is to ask your friends for recommendations, which may be very good advice, according to a bunch of seasoned home buyers and sellers who responded to the Real Estate section's recent open call for readers to let us know what works, and what doesn't, in hiring agents. But they're adamant that there are plenty of other considerations.

Our group of consumers generally agreed that, beyond sales records and specialized training, the one thing that mattered most was rapport. "The ability to communicate" may be a business cliche, they said, but it's the bottom line. Without it, clients and agents alike end up frustrated and have to work harder than necessary to get the deal done.

"They have to get a feel for what you want, for what you do for a living. All of that comes into play," says Gwen Hudson, who, with her husband, Cornell, says they have "probably lost track" of the total number of sales they have been involved in through relocation and investments. But she estimates that they've owned 20 properties.

"If I tell you I'm looking for a house in this range, and these are the amenities I want, and this is the area that I want, then work with me there," says the suburban resident. "Don't try to show me the house I can't afford and then get frustrated with me because I can't afford it. I have run into that."

Jim Klick of Crest Hill, Ill., agreed. "They have to have a grasp of reality," says Klick, who adds that he and his wife, separately and together, have bought seven houses and sold six. To help buyers, "agents have to have a grasp of what you can afford" and respect it, he says.

But getting back to the starting point, our consumers don't argue with the time-honored notion of asking friends for recommendations.

"Generally, your friends share similar values and standards," explains Sid Chapon, a condo owner in Chicago who says that he would trust friends to be honest about an agent's strengths and weaknesses. It's something he failed to do either time he bought homes, and he says that if he were looking for an agent tomorrow, he'd ask a lot more questions than he did in those purchases.

"I used to live in Tulsa, Ok.," he explains. "I was a first-time buyer, right after college. I was inexperienced."

And he says that even though he bought a property, in hindsight he believes his agent failed him. "I didn't know what I needed to do. She didn't provide me with any coaching or counseling. She didn't tell me what to look out for."

Chapon says he looked at a total of one unit and made an offer at full asking price, "which, of course, was accepted. She never showed me anything else to look at. Part of that was my responsibility, of course, but I think a real estate agent ought to show you what else you can get for your money. I was young and stupid. At the end of the day, what I bought was a property that had major issues in terms of construction, and the condo association was financially not in good condition."

At the other end of the spectrum, we heard from west suburbanites Pam and Jim Jannece, whose first buying experience — like Chapon, they were right out of school, with not much money — is remembered kindly.

"Our real estate agent spent just about every weekend for a year looking for a house for us," Pam recalls. "She was just determined. She was patient, and we never felt like she was trying to push us."

But the agent went above and beyond the call when the Janneces sat down at the closing table to buy the house. As sometimes happens at closings, a dispute arose, and the sellers weren't budging. The Janneces, who were strained to afford the house as it was, said they just couldn't come up with the additional money that would resolve the dispute and close the deal.

"She got her boss at the real estate agency to make us a loan," Pam recalls of her agent. "It wasn't a lot, but it was enough to get us through the deal. Otherwise, we were about at the end of our looking. We said, if we don't get this, that's it."

George Tenne has similar good things to say about his experience six years ago when he moved from St. Louis to Chicago. Like most transferees, he was uncertain about which part of the area he'd like to live in. He did a lot of Internet research, picked out some general areas that attracted him, and then picked out three agents — two chosen from details on their Web sites, one from a personal recommendation. He worked with them simultaneously, an arrangement that would make most other agents' hair stand on end.

"Each of them knew that I was working with others," Tenne recalls, explaining that this act "sort of a set up a race between them." But he felt he had to seek out "regional" experts because he was unsure where he wanted to buy. It was a good move, he says, because the wide exposure influenced him to buy a suburban house instead of a city condo, his original intent.

"I did send a personal check to each of the other two agents [who received no commission for their work] for a first-class dinner for them and some friends for all the work they did for me," Tenne said. "They were very surprised. They really did earn it."

Tenne said his realty experiences in St. Louis were not always so amicable. "Be very honest with the agents," he advises. "If you find yourself debating [with them] about every property, get out of this kind of relationship. You will save yourself and the agent a lot of wasted time."

When the Janneces sold one house, they thought they had found a winner when their research turned up the name of a top agent, at least statistically. "It turns out he was the 'top agent' because he got the most listings," Jim recalls. "After that, he never did a thing."

For reasons that elude them today, the Janneces stayed with this agent, though it was an unhappy relationship. They recall feeling pressured to take offers that were too low. "You just don't know if you're going to get another offer," Pam recalls him saying.

And then there was the open house. The Janneces got ready for the open house and cleared out for the day.

"He never actually showed up himself," Jim says of his listing agent. "Then he bragged about how clean he kept it. The neighbors told us there wasn't a single car there all day."

The Hudsons said that the more they've bought and sold houses, the more questions they ask and upfront understandings they insist on getting.

"I never take more than a three-month listing," Cornell Hudson says, though he adds that if the house hasn't sold but the agent is making a strong effort, he'll extend it. And he says he'll sweeten the commission with a bonus for a quick sale.

The Hudsons ask for credentials. "I don't want fluffy, colorful brochures," Cornell says. "I don't want to look at a resume. I am going to ask: 'How long have you been selling, what have your results been in the last year, how many have you listed, how many have you sold, how many have expired, how many are in the neighborhood that I am in?'" He said occasionally agents have been reluctant to provide the data, and so he says thanks and goodbye.

"I want to know: Have you had success in this price range? What can I expect from you, in what kind of time frame? What do you need from me?" such as cooperation in changing features or colors to make the house sell better.

The Hudsons ask listing agents for a game plan. "I would ask things like, when are you going to have your ads, how many times, how many open houses, when are the open houses?" Cornell explains.

Cornell says that such a plan has been particularly important when a job transfer has caused he and his wife to move before the house has sold. "I asked [the agents] for feedback. I told them I wanted a copy of the ads, to cut it out of the newspaper and send me a copy of it," he explains. He asks for copies of the sign-in sheets from open houses.

When he sold his house in Las Vegas, "I'd get mail once a week from the agent. He'd send list of showings and what comments were. He'd follo with other agents after the ings." He understands that agents have the resources to seek the feedback, but that those who have assist work with teams of other generally can do it.

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Agents commonly prep "comps," or comparative analyses, of recent sales of lar houses, to show sellers they arrived at a suggested price. The Janneces say to be sure to get the comps also scrutinize them.

"Our experience is that of them have been totally wall," Jim says. "When we our little ranch house, they [comparing it] with houses next subdivision over. In sq feet, they were twice the s our ranch, twice what our h was worth."

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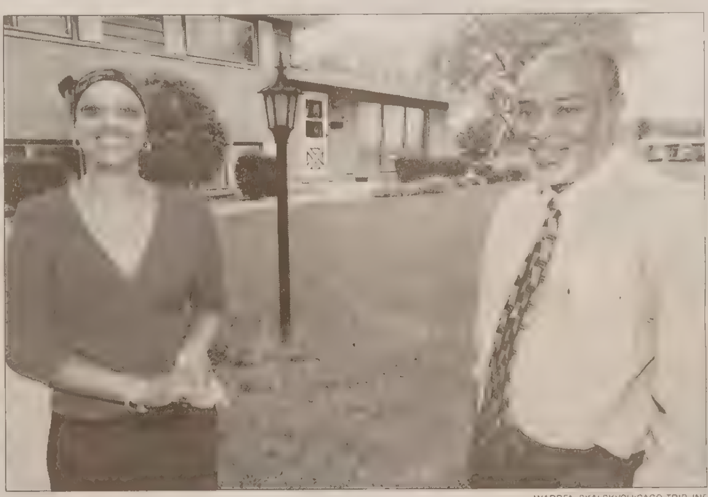

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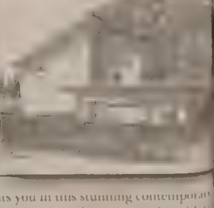
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1) The most common and one the most injurious problems when a borrower applies for a mortgage loan is a late payment on a current mortgage. Although if this looks like an aberration, this can be an easy one.

As you know, lenders sell qualified loans, sometimes even before you make your first payment. If your lender sells your note, remember, nothing about your loan changes except where you send your payment. Often, you are notified of the new servicer after you mailed your payment. By the time your payment is forwarded through the mail and accepted, you could be 30 days late.

This happened so much when Washington Mutual was acquiring other banks in the mid to late '90s (Great Western Bank, American Savings and Home Savings to mention a few), that legislation was passed that prohibits a lender from reporting a late payment for at least 60 days after taking over the servicing of the loan. So, if this happens to you, contact the servicer of the note and demand that they remove the derogatory entry on your credit report.

2) Family emergencies are reasons lenders may accept. Any caring person or institution understands the emotional trauma one experiences when a loved one is in the hospital, or a parent, spouse, child or a close family relative dies. Lenders are human too (although are human too (although their track record may challenge that) and if properly documented will forgive late payments when emotionally moved).

3) Vacations are a favorite of mine, especially if we are dealing with one or two late payments close together. Every body gets busy trying to get the family out and on the road. The payment statement may have arrived the day after the family left and in all the confusion was missed until the family returned from vacation.

4) Another favorite excuse is "We moved and sent the lender our new address, but the statement was consistently lost in the mail." This will work for one or two late payments, but remember that even if you do not receive a payment statement, you are still responsible for making that payment.

5) That brings us to one of the most bizarre claims but surprisingly not that uncommon. "My neighbor is stealing my mail" or "Although I put a forward request with the Post Office, the mail person can't seem to deliver my mail to me." Again, let me remind you that this excuse works for one or two late payments, but if you are not receiving your payment notices, you should be contacting the creditor directly. This is also a good argument for paying your bills on-line.

6) Doctors and harried professionals have an added advantage of working a bizillion hours per week. We have found that most lenders understand that when a young resident doctor, 2 years ago, was too exhausted to care about paying their bills on time, especially if his or her credit has been perfect since.

Doctors (as well as attorneys and other professionals) have the potential ability to make a whole lot of money and lenders like them for that reason.

7) Unfortunately, divorce plays a big part in the mortgage business. We have been reading divorce and separation settlement agreements long enough to solve any problems we ever had in our marriage. The stories . . . one partner escapes with the credit cards or promises to make the mortgage payment or tries to mortgage the property, are much too common. The stories are endless and someday may make a great book. If we can document the errant spouse's misuse of community property, we can make a strong claim for our borrower.

8) People who are juniors, III's or IV's after their names and beyond share a problem with people with common names like Smith and Jones. They may have credit problems that follow them that isn't theirs. It often takes a bit of research, but these issues can be resolved.

We have always found that the truth works better than fiction as long as it is properly presented. However, the one excuse a lender never wants to hear is that you simply forgot to make a payment or that you did not have the money to make the payment.

Now, we don't advocate lying, but there is an argument for stretching the truth, especially when it comes to cleaning up your credit.

Removing an incorrect credit entry on your credit report involves a vigorous letter writing campaign, especially if you do it your self. You must contact the three credit bureaus with your documentation: Experian, Equifax and TransUnion and then follow up every two weeks by phone or their Web sites until the items have been removed.

Some lenders have instituted CBU (Credit Bureau Update)—that helps you achieve this through the process of purchasing and refinancing. Which ever way you clean up your credit, it's all part of Mortgage Madness.

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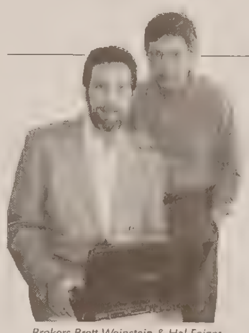

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The public is always welcome at the Inforum Meeting. The Inforum is sponsored by the Alameda Association of Realtors. The next meeting begins at 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, July 8 at the Garden Isle Community Center on Melrose Avenue in Alameda. This month's speakers are from Alameda Rec & Park and East Bay Regional Parks. **Suzanne Ota** and **Anne Rockwell** will tell about summertime fun in the parks. Agents are encouraged to bring information on new listings. For more information contact **Remy Boyd** of AAR at 510-523-7229.

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Learn the answers to many home buying questions at "The Home Buying Answers Class" This free class is from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 9. Senior Loan Consultant **Margie Lupo** of Vintage Mortgage conducts the class. To pre-register, call the "Answers Class" hotline at 888-629-0077 ext. 8610.

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COMMERCIAL BROKERS

Bob Valva of Valva Realty invites Oakland real estate brokers to attend the Oakland Realtors Commercial & Industrial Brokers Committee. According to Valva the group was appointed years ago, by the Oakland mayor to facilitate city sales and leasing. The committee's purpose is to help build Oakland. The next meeting is Thursday, July 10, at the OAR Auditorium on Webster. If you would like to attend call Valva at 510-451-7317.

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RENTAL HOUSING

The Rental Housing Association of Northern Alameda County offers a membership meeting monthly. Non- members are also invited to attend. The next meeting is at 6:45 p.m., Thursday, July 17. The meeting is held at the Greek Orthodox Church, on Lincoln Avenue, in Oakland. For information and registration call the RHANAC office at 510-893-9873.

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From finding the right house to negotiating a sale price to securing a mortgage loan, buying a home can be time-consuming and stressful.

But one way to smooth out the bumpy road to home ownership is to nail down your mortgage before you start shopping for a home rather than after. By being pre-approved for a loan before you head out for your first open house you can greatly simplify the buying process and avoid some pitfalls down the road. Plus, as a pre-approved buyer, you are in effect becoming a cash buyer.

Mortgage interest rates are at historic lows. Not since President Kennedy was in the White House have we seen a fixed-rate mortgage under 6 percent. Low rates have greatly increased the home purchasing power of buyers and helped to fuel our robust housing market. But even with today's lower rates the importance of pre-approval for a mortgage is as important as ever.

Pre-approval establishes how much house your budget can afford, or more specifically how much of a monthly mortgage payment you can afford. This allows you to narrow the house hunt to an appropriate and pre-established price range. Why waste your time looking at $750,000 homes when you can realistically only afford a $500,000? Or conversely, why limit yourself to a fixer-upper when you can comfortably buy a move-up home. It pays to know in advance.

By being pre-approved for a mortgage you also let sellers know that you're a serious buyer, one that isn't likely to back out of a deal because you can't get a loan. This is particularly important in a hot housing market when sellers are choosing between multiple offers. The buyer with a pre-qualification letter stands out from the crowd.

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In some cases, there may be questions around qualification and income documentation, particularly for self-employed buyers. In other cases, a credit check could turn up some issues that buyers weren't aware of. By starting the loan process early, you avoid having to scramble at the last minute should any problem arise.

Some companies, including our own mortgage banker, Coldwell Banker Mortgage, developed processes that make getting pre-approved fast and easy. The process is relatively painless. Buyers are asked what their income is, including salary and bonuses, how long they've worked at their jobs, how much mo they have in the bank and w debt they are carrying. They are asked if it's ok to do a c check, which gives lenders clearer picture of their financ standing. Buyers whose cre record is below par will lear they can clear it up before loan approval.

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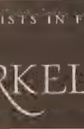
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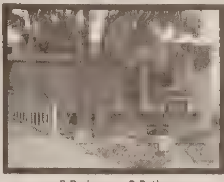

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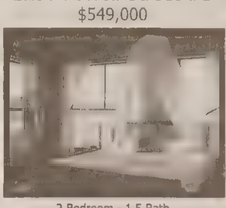

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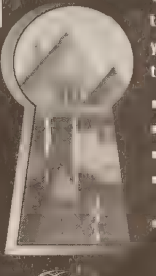

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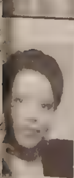

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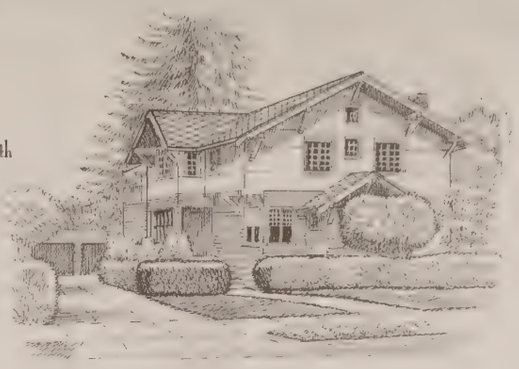

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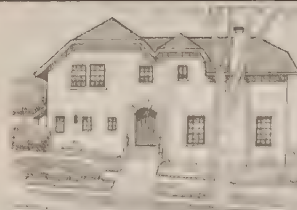

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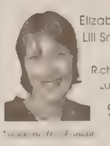

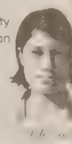

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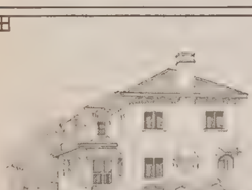

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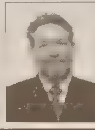

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HIGHEST PRICE: $509,000
AVERAGE PRICE: $414,500

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TOTAL SALES: 10
LOWEST PRICE: $352,000
HIGHEST PRICE: $950,000
AVERAGE PRICE: $578,100

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TOTAL SALES: 5
LOWEST PRICE: $294,000
HIGHEST PRICE: $568,000
MEDIAN PRICE: $350,000
AVERAGE PRICE: $411,200

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TOTAL SALES: 4
LOWEST PRICE: $225,000
HIGHEST PRICE: $430,500
AVERAGE PRICE: $281,375

EMERYVILLE

TOTAL SALES: 3
LOWEST PRICE: $230,500
HIGHEST PRICE: $270,000
MEDIAN PRICE: $245,000
AVERAGE PRICE: $248,500

OAKLAND

TOTAL SALES: 93
LOWEST PRICE: $ 90,000
HIGHEST PRICE: $ 1,410,000
MEDIAN PRICE: $362,500
AVERAGE PRICE: $422,629

PIEDMONT

TOTAL SALES: 4
LOWEST PRICE: $775,000
HIGHEST PRICE: $ 1,148,000
AVERAGE PRICE: $936,375

Experiences

FROM PAGE B6

mortgages, title insurance, home inspections, etc. The realty companies say their clients appreciate the convenience, but our interviewees said no thanks.

They said they prefer to hire companies that have no ties to their real-estate agency because they worry that such service providers may have an incentive to make the deal go through, no matter what.

"One-stop shopping drives down the competitiveness, and it doesn't drive down the costs for the consumer," Cornell Hudson says.

"I'd rather just grab the phone book," Jim Jannèce says. "It's not that hard."

The concept of "agency," or who the agent truly represents in a sale, can be legally complex, and buyers sometimes say that, because the commission comes from the seller, their agent's loyalty may be divided.

Sid Chapon says he regrets buying his condo through the agent who was marketing the building for its rehabber/developer, which turned into a headache-riddled experience. "I never got the sense that she was looking out for our best interest," he says, and in the future he'd consider a "designated buyer's agent," who is contractually working on his behalf, not the seller's.

Chapon, too, is a big believer in compatability. "For a home buyer, this is a significant and emotional investment. The real estate agent has to be sensitive. They have to be objective. They have to stay calm."

"I've had some real estate agents who have worked really hard," says Cornell Hudson, who has worked with one Chicago-area agent for 15 years. "They're not working just for a commission, they want to establish a relationship, and those are the ones that work out best for me."

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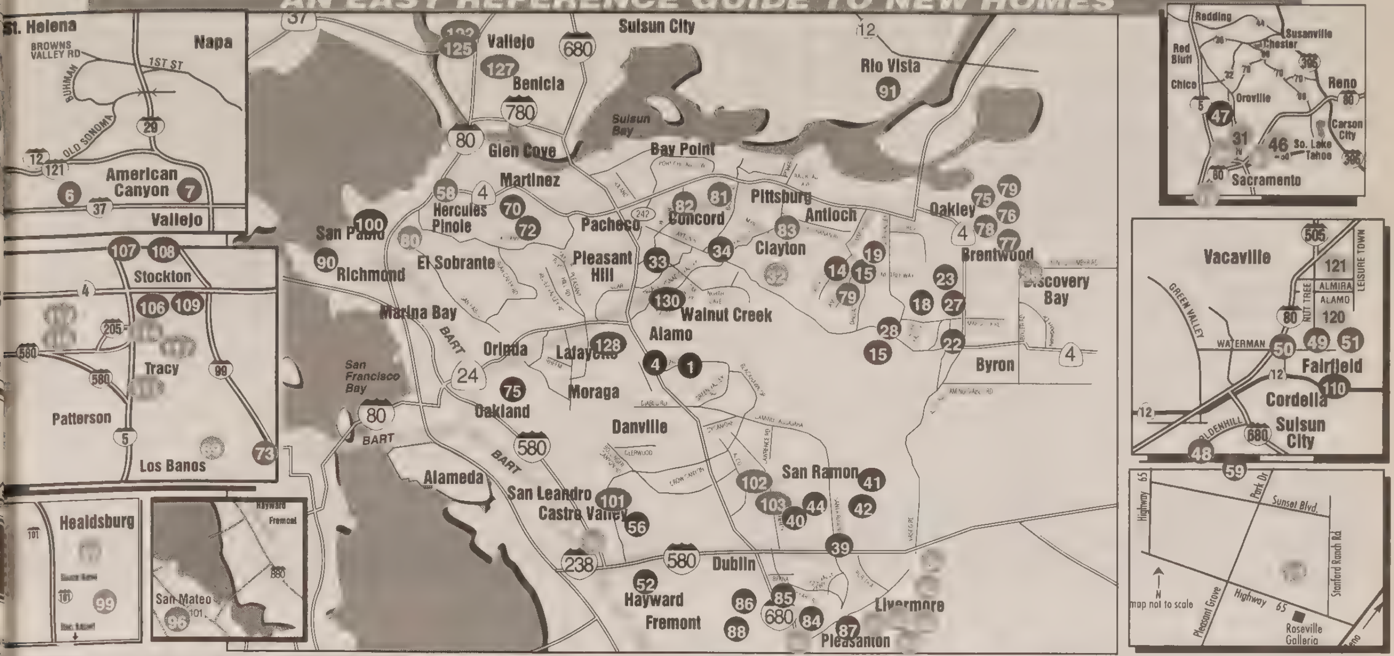

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From the high $300,000s. Now selling! Distinctive single-family homes in the master-planned Garin Ranch community 4 flexible 3 & 4 BR floor plans 1770-2718 sq ft Optional dens lofts, bonus rooms (per plan). Excellent schools. Close to swim center & charming downtown. Sales office open daily 10-5, Mon. 1-5 925-513-1057. www.sigprop.com

22 Mountainside at Deer Ridge
From the low $400,000s. Morrison Homes. All new home designs ranging from 1900-3199 sq.ft. Call sales office for info. Open daily 10am-5pm From Hwy 4 exit Balfour Rd west Left on Mountain View Drive to models Sales office located at 212 Mountain View Drive 925-516-9784.

23 Sunset Crossing
From the high $200,000s. Craftsman-style homes in rural setting with modern conveniences Up to 4 bed/2 5 bath designs with loft and retreat options 6 different single/2-story floor plans ranging in size from approx 1410 - 2525 sq ft 925-513-8744 Hwy. 4/Brentwood Blvd. to Havenwood. DeNova Homes. www denovahomes com Open daily 10-6 Tues 1-6

27 Parkview at Garin Ranch
From mid $300,000s. A collection of 6 home designs from 3 to 5BR in a master-planned setting Open daily 10-5, Mon 1-5 Signature Properties 925-240-1585 www.sigprop.com

28 Shadow Lakes
From the $300,000s. 25 models now open! Two new communities plus three of the hottest selling communities in Brentwood are offered by two top Bay Area builders Up to 6 bedrooms & 4 5 baths, 1862-3705 sq. ft within master-planned golf course community 1-2 stories & multi-level floor plan designs available. Greystone Homes 925-516-2852 Brookfield Homes 925-240-7820, www brookfieldhomes.com. www.greystonehomesbayarea.com

CITRUS HEIGHTS

Ryland Stock Ranch
Coming September 2003 Single family detached homes. 4 & 5 bedrooms For information call 888-646-6888 ryland com

CLAYTON

Rachel Ranch Estates
From the mid $800,000's. Dusty shoe preview. Eight single story estate homes beautiful oak tree location 4 & 5 bedrooms 3 to 3½ baths 3065 to 3353 sq ft At the end of Lydia Ln , off Clayton Rd., Broker coop. Open by appt. For information call Lenox Homes at 925-284-0415 or lenoxhomes net

CONCORD

33 Parkside
MODEL HOMES NOW OPEN!! From the $450,000s. Four bedroom single family homes oriented to its own community park Two floorplans from 1970 to 2086 sf Granite slab kitchen countertops included in every home!! 9-foot ceilings, gas fireplace, air conditioning and security alarm wiring included in every home Project is located on Monument Blvd just 1/2 mile east of I-680 925-969-9977 www youngcaliforniahomes com

34 Alberta Estates
3% BROKER CO-OP!!! From the $420,000s. Models Open!!! An exclusive enclave of 9 homes conveniently located close to shopping and transportation Mt. Diablo school district, quiet location near hiking and biking trails and just minutes to Walnut Creek! Spacious homes with 3 bdrms, den, 2.5 baths & 1863 sf of living space [illegible]

36 Crystyl Ranch
Priced from the mid $600,000s. Master Planned community Legacy Homes presents luxury homes in the foothills of Mt Diablo 2 luxury neighborhoods Enclave with 4 plans from 2400-3600 sq ft.; The Pointe, 4 elegant plans from 3200-4500 sq. ft The Enclave 925-687-3522. The Pointe 925-671-8030. www.legacyluxuryhomes.com

DISCOVERY BAY

38 Lakeshore
Discovery Bay's Premier Gated New Home Community starting from the $300,000s. The Escape, Harvest Cove, Horizons, Reflections, Sterling Bay, and Stonegate ranging from 1885-4109 sq. ft Models open daily. Or call 1-800-760-LAKE. Visit www VisitLakeshore.com

DUBLIN

39 Tassajara Meadows
From the low $500,000s. Models Open! Premier commute loc. near exc. schools, employment & rec 4 flex. plans 1658-2127 sq.ft 3-4BR, mstr suites, gourmet kit , fam rms w/built-in theaters. 925-875-0001. The Mission Peak Co.

40 Riva at Tassajara Creek
From the mid $500,000s. Winner - Community of the Year! 2003 MAME Awards. Ask About Our Trade-In Program! These homes feature 3 to 4 bedrooms and 2 5 baths in up to 2335 sq. ft. To visit Riva from 680, take 580 East to Tassajara Rd. Into Dublin and follow the signs From 580, take Tassajara Rd North into Dublin and follow the signs to Riva Models are open for touring 10 to 5 daily. Call 925-829-7330. www.greenbriarhomes.com

41 Dublin Ranch Villages
From the mid $300,000s. This community is four villages of luxurious townhomes & condominiums, more than 30 different floor plans from 840 to 2250 square feet 1, 2 or 3 bedrooms attached garages, 9-foot ceilings, fireplaces, & patios or terraces. Open daily 11-6. 925-479-9611. www.tollbrothers.com

42 Gleneagles at Dublin Ranch Golf Club
From the $700,000s. Atop the rolling hills of Dublin Ranch, Four stunning floorplans, 2700 to 3000 sq. ft. and up to 4 bedrooms and 3 baths, 10-foot ceilings, master bedroom suites with opulent soaking baths, walk-in closets and dual vanities, Take I580 to Fallon Rd, exit north. Open daily 11-6. 925-551-5685 www dublinranchgolfclub com

42 St. Andrews at Dublin Ranch Golf Club
From the $800,000s. Atop the rolling hills of Dublin Ranch, many home sites will overlook fairways and greens of the 18-hole public course, scheduled to open in the fall of 2003. Four elegant and spacious floorplans from 3500 to 4000 sq ft. up to 5 bedrooms, 4 1/2 baths, spacious family rooms, and master suites Open daily 11-6. 925-875-1770. www.dublinranchgolfclub.com

42 Pinnacle at Dublin Ranch Golf Club
From the low $1,000,000s. Large home sites, features four luxurious home designs up to 6 bedrooms and 5,500 square feet. Two-story foyers, two-story living & dining rms, master bedroom suites, & gourmet kitchens w/granite slab countertops & gourmet appliances Open daily 11-6. 925-829-6807. www.dublinranchgolfclub.com

42 Inverness at Dublin Ranch Golf Club
Priced from the low $1,000,000s. NOW SELLING!
Four extraordinary home designs offer 4200 sq. ft. to 4900 sq. ft., 4 to 7 bedrooms, and 3 5 to 7 baths Spacious family rooms, kitchens with large breakfast areas. Take I-580 to the Fallon/El Charro Rd., exit, turn left and proceed 1/4 mile to the sales office just north of the highway. Open daily 11-6 925-243-1984. www.dublinranchgolfclub.com.

44 Rainsong at Tassajara Club
From the mid $600,000s. Ask About Our Trade-In Program! Floorplans feature state-of-the-art kitchens fabulous entertaining spaces and sumptuous master suites. 4 to 5 bedrooms and up to 4 baths in up to 3122 sq ft Models are open for touring 10 to 5 daily Call 925-829-7330 www.greenbriarhomes.com

EL DORADO HILLS

45 The Promontory
Priced from the mid $400,000s. Premier homebuilders and custom homesites in a picturesque setting on the El Dorado hillside overlooking Folsom Lake, Sacramento and coastal range. Details and directions at www ThePromontory.com.

46 Sierra Vista at Serrano
Priced from the mid $600,000s. Spectacular gated community featuring elegant homes with up to 3 924 sq ft and luxurious appointments 916-934-3497 Pacific Mountain Partners

ELK GROVE

47 Ryland Homecoming
From the mid $200,000s. 916-686-4285 Directions: Interstate 5 to Elk Grove Blvd east Right on Cresleigh Parkway 1st right on Harvest Park Dr. ryland.com

FAIRFIELD

48 Southbrook
From the high $300,000s. Models for sale! Four elegant models with 3 & 4 bedrooms, single family homes with plans to 2444 sq ft. Conveniently located near schools & shopping Lots of walking trails and great commute location at Gold Hill Rd. off Hwy 680 or Red Top Rd off I-80 707-864-0225 www seenohomes com

49 Ventana at Green Valley
From the low $400,000s. Ventana offers total livability w/four open floorplans ranging from 2100 to 2644 sq. ft. & up to 5 bedrooms. Each home features gourmet kitchens, cozy fireplaces, sumptuous master suites, entertainment niches & more! Open 11-5 daily. 707-864-8470 www citationnorthern.com.

50 The Masters Collection at Paradise Valley - Hurry! New Release!
Golf Course Views from $399,950. 5 plans, 3-4 bd 2-4 ba, 1959-3444 sq ft from the high $300 000s Arcadia Development Co. 707-434-0811

HAYWARD

52 Hayward Hills - Fairview Heights
Model Home Now Open! Priced from the mid $600,000s. 11 New homes in a spectacular Hayward Hills setting, 4-6 bedrooms, downstairs guest suites separate master retreat areas upstairs lofts three-car garages Large lots and spacious floorplans at 2 530 to 3 031 sq ft Convenient access to I-580 and BART Open Friday-Tuesday 11 am-5 30 pm, Fairview Ave. at D St Delco Builders & Developers (510) 686-0689 www.delcobuilders com

56 Studio Walk
Coming Soon. Hayward condos. 2 models: 1596 sq. ft. to 1732 sq ft 3 bedrooms 888-646-6688 ryland com

HEALDSBURG

57 Parkland Estates
From $879,900. 32 Homes Sold! Only 2 Left! Just two wine country estate homes remain here in the hills above Healdsburg Up to 3,000 sq ft on large lots with panoramic views Take Hwy 101 to Central Healdsburg exit, continue 1.8 miles north on Healdsburg Ave. Turn right on Parkland Farms Blvd. Continue to the top of the hill, follow signs. Open Fri-Mon. 12-4. 707-473-0333 www.estatesatparkland.com.

HERCULES

58 Victoria By The Bay
Master planned community nestled alongside San Pablo Bay, offers stunning views and an exciting array of 3 to 6 bedroom homes from the mid $400,000s to the low $900,000s Convenient to shopping and easy access to Hwy. 80 and Hwy 4. These homes offer luxurious, state-of-the-art amenities. Models open 10:30am-6pm daily. www.victoriabythebay.com.

LINCOLN

59 Ryland Twelve Bridges
From the high $200,000s. Single family detached homes, 3-5 bedrooms, up to 1656-2461 sq. ft. Sales Center open daily 10am-5pm; Tuesdays 12pm-5pm Hwy 65 North to 12 Bridges Drive, turn right and follow signs to the Sales Center. 916-408-3993. www.ryland.com

LIVERMORE

60 Vineyard Gate
From the low $800,000S. Models Now Open! 4-6 BR luxury homes, up to 4000 sq ft Surrounded by vineyards in the S. Livermore valley, close to golf, wineries, commute routes **Open 10-5 Daily. 925-455-8900. Visit pacificunionhomes.com to register for the interest list and receive preview info.** Pacific Union Homes 1-800-976-2244.

62 Cooperage
From the low $600,000s. Now Open! Luxurious single-family homes in a wine country setting. 3,4, & 5 BR, 2 & 3 BA, 1997-2897 sq ft Options for dens, lofts, retreats & more. Signature Properties. 925-373-4786

63 Ponderosa Legacy
From the high $900,000s. Models Now Open!
Executive homes! Located near Wente Golf Course. 4-5 bdrm, 3.5 - 4 5 bath homes approx 3435 - 4451 sq. ft Homesites range in size approx 15,000 to over 23,000 sq. ft Open Thurs - Sun, 11-5 & Mon 2-5. www ponderosahomes com 580 to Portola exit, rt on N. "L", turns into Arroyo Rd , left on Hansen Cat 925-961-9020 www ponderosahomes com

64 Vinsanto
Grand Opening From the $700,000s Handcrafted luxury homes featuring "town and country" living Six 4 and 5 bdrm designs from 2740 to 3750 sq. ft. w/flexible options and custom amenities. Welcoming porches, gourmet kitchens, pre-wired computer centers, and separate au-pair living quarters offer refined elegance Models open daily 10-6. Concannon Blvd. to San Vincente. 925-245-0943 Pinnbros.com

Los Olivos
From the $800,000s. Estate residences amongst the vineyards in the South Livermore Valley Approx 3079 to 4365 sq. ft., with room options up to 5,000 sq. ft. Single level and two-story homes 3 to 4 car garages 3 to 5 bedrooms. Priced in the $800,000s. Centex Homes 925-294-9797. www.visitlosolivos.com

67 Lindenwood
From the low $700,000s. Fastest Selling Luxury Homes in South Livermore! Ask About Our Trade-In Program! Fabulous master suites, extra large kitchens and oversized family rooms are fit for inclusion in a million-dollar house. Panoramic views of nearby Mt Diablo and neighboring vineyards. Exquisite architectural design offers 4 to 6 bedrooms and up to 4 baths in up to 3548 sq. ft. Models are open for touring 10 to 5 daily except Wed. 12-5 p.m. Call 925-373-8883. www.greenbriarhomes.com

Cornerstone
From the high $400,000's. Now Open Homes with 1665 to 2484 sq. ft. 3-5 bedrooms, 2.5 to 3 baths and 2-bay garages. KB Home. 925-449-9801.

LOS BANOS

69 Verona
Coming Soon! From the low $200,000s. 3-6 BR homes ranging from 1820 to 3000 sq ft. Close to shopping and schools. Excellent location. Woodside Homes.

MARTINEZ

70 Ashford Place
From the low $300,000's Final Phase! Distinctive 24 unit townhome community! Dual master suite design maple cabinetry, attached garage, premier commute location near Hwy 4 & I-680 Visit now, before the opportunity passes you by! Hwy 4 to Morello Ave Open daily 11-5 closed Wed & Thurs (925) 372-7511 DeNova Homes www denovahomes com

72 Alhambra Estates
From the mid-$600,000s. OPEN SUNDAYS FROM 1PM TO 4PM! Nestled in the rolling hills of Alhambra Valley in Martinez, Alhambra Estates features custom-style estate homes These homes range from approx 2800 sq. ft to 3285 sq. ft with 4 BR, 3BA, dens, loft and 3-car garages Conveniently located to the historic downtown of Martinez. For information call The Reiser Group at 925-937-5540 or see www reisergroup com

MODESTO

73 Claremont Collections
From the mid $200,000s. Now selling! Claremont Pointe in Modesto and Claremont Meadow in Turlock offer 3-7 BR luxury homes in a premier neighborhood, up to 4,087 sq ft Pre-wired for the latest high tech systems. www.pacificunionhomes.com Pacific Union Homes 800-976-2244

NATOMAS

74 Ryland Gardens
From the mid 200,000s. Single family detached cluster style homes in Natomas Park Floorplans ranging from 1302-2015 sq ft. From Hwy. 80 exit Truxel Road and head north. Left on Club Center Drive, right on Dunlay, left on Bayless Way to models. Open daily 10am-5pm, 12pm-5pm on Tuesdays. 916-419-1650. ryland.com

OAKLAND

75 Durant
Durant Village - From the high $200,000s. An exciting collection of townhomes located near the Oakland Airport, offer up to 1734 square feet of living space with patios and attached garages with private entries Durant Place - 5 Traditional single-family courtyard home designs from the high $300,000s. 3-5 bedrooms up to 2 468 sq ft Durant sales office open daily 10-6 Mon 12-6 510-638-9428 www sigprop com

OAKLEY

76 Delta Pointe
Grand Opening-Models Now Open! From the mid $300,000s. This wonderful collection of new homes offers a great family setting Featuring 3-6 bedroom homes ranging in size from 1620-3035 sq ft. All homes fully equipped with incredible amenities as standard features Open Sat & Sun 10-6; weekdays 10-5. Call 925-625-4099. www.castlecompanies.com

77 Rock Island
Now Selling! From the $800,000s. Luxurious delta waterfront living! 3 innovative designs from 3042 - 4000 sq. ft 3 to 4 bdrms , 3 5 baths, spacious living areas 4-car garages, gourmet kitchen, pre-wired CAT 6. Mt. Diablo views! Sales office open 10-5 Friday-Monday. 925-684-9873. Hwy. 4 to Cypress to Sandmound Blvd.

78 Parklands
From the low $300,000s. Now selling 1st Phase of beautiful single family homes One and two story plans up to 2750 sq.ft. In Oakley off Highway 4 (Main St) east on Laurel Rd. at Quail Valley Run. Sales trailers open daily 10-5 For more information, call 925-625-8951

79 Quail Glen
Pre-Selling! Models Open Soon! From the mid $400,000s. Oakley's premier community An elegant collection of single level homes ranging from 2341-3234 sq. ft. on estate size lots. The finest in Delta living is here! Highway 4 to Live Oak Ave. in Oakley. Sales Center is now open 10-5 For more information call 925-679-9401 or visit us at www.discoverybuilders.com

PINOLE

80 Northpark
Now Selling! Models open at Parkside in Concord
From the mid $400,000s. Four bedroom single family homes oriented to its own community park. Three floorplans from 1736 to 2086 sq.ft. Granite slab kitchen countertops included in every home!! For more info. visit Parkside Models on Monument Blvd. In Concord, 925-969-9977 www.youngcaliforniahomes.com

PITTSBURG

81 Capistrano at Oak Hills
From the low $400,000s. Homes ranging from 1785 to 3319 sq. ft with up to 5 bedrooms, 3 baths & 3 car garage. Minutes from Bart and major freeways with great water views Hwy 4 Exit South off Bailey and follow the signs. Discovery Builders 888-41-HOMES www.seenohomes.com

82 San Marco
From the low $400,000s. Pittsburg's best location.
Newest Master Planned Community Exquisite homes from 1870 and 3700 sq ft up to 7 BR & 4 BA A community center, basketball, volleyball, bocce ball, tennis courts and park Hwy 4 Exit south of Bay Point Discovery Builders 925-458-1754 www.seenohomes.com or www.sanmarco.cc

83 Highlands Ranch
From the mid $300,000s. Bay Area's Best Buy. Single family homes with plans ranging in size between 1734 and 4300 sq. ft. features 3-6 bdrms, 2-3 car garages with plenty of options for dens, lofts studies and bonus rooms Hwy 4 Loveridge Rd. exit south, left on Buchanan Road and right on Ventura Drive. For more information call 925-439-9070 www seenohomes com

PLEASANTON

84 Ruby Hill
Prestigious, family-oriented community offers a range of luxurious homes hillside and vineyard views and resort-style amenities Build your dream home on custom lots from the high $400,000s Custom residences available from the high $1,000,000s. 800-887-RUBY www.rubyhillrealty.net

85 Bridle Creek Estates
Now Selling! Discover an unprecedented opportunity to acquire a home at Pleasanton's most sought-after community This select set of only nine residences features estate homes ranging up to 6770 square feet. Call 925-931-9898. www greenbriarhomes com

86 Carlton Oaks
From the low $900,000s. Models Now Open! This new collection of upscale homes offers 5 to 6 bedrooms and 4 to 5 baths with 3-car garage and up to 3 721 square feet of elegant living space To visit Carlton Oaks, take the 680 freeway to Bernal Ave west and go left on West Lagoon Rd Hours are 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m daily. Call 925-600-8828. www.greenbriarhomes.com

87 Pheasant Ridge
From the low $1,000,000s. Pre-Model Pricing! A new neighborhood of one- and two-story single family homes with 5 and 6 bedrooms 4 to 6 baths and up to 5326 sq ft These stunning and elegant residences are nestled along the scenic arroyo beneath Pleasanton Ridge To visit Pheasant Ridge, take the 680 freeway to Bernal Ave west and go left on West Lagoon Rd. Hours are 10:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Call 925-931-9898. www.greenbriarhomes.com

RICHMOND

88 Augusta at Country Club Vista
From the mid $500,000s. Grand Opening. Augusta will offer 4-6 bedroom homes w/up to 3460 sq ft next to Richmond Country Club. SCS Developmentt, 510-669-0473. www.scsdevelopment.com Cosed Wednesday.

90 Spyglass at Country Club Vista
From the low $500,000s. *Models for Sale! Only 3 Left.* "Spyglass is a series of executive single-family homes adjacent to Richmond Country Club w up to 2735 sq ft SCS Development Company 510-222-9018 Open 10 30-6 (Closed Wed and Thurs.) www.scsdevelopment.com.

RIO VISTA

91 Vineyard Bluffs
From the high $300,000s. Now selling Six home designs on quarter-acre lots off Montezuma Hills Rd Elegant homes from 2044 to 4109 sq ft with 3-6 bedrooms, bonus room and den option including luxurious appointments Open Daily 10-6, Mon. 1-6pm 707-374-3939. www hofmannhomes.com

SACRAMENTO

River Ranch
Priced from the low $300,000s. Outstanding family living located in the new and exciting Southport area of West Sacramento Pacific Mountain Partners features three distinctive floorplan designs, ranging from 2100 to 3000 square feet, each with a long list of included amenities Open daily 10-5 916-372-1100

Ryland Parkview
Single family detached homes 3 & 4 bedrooms North Sacramento - Interstate 5 to El Camino Ave West to El Centro Rd North to Jaun Rd East For information call 888-646-6888 ryland com

SAN MATEO

96 Ryland Marble Bay II
Now Selling! From the low $500s. 1254-1752 sq. ft. 2 and 3 bedroom townhomes For information call 650-341-4186. www.ryland.com. Hwy. 101 to East Hillsdale Blvd. Exit West Turn right onto Saratoga then right on Yates

SANTA ROSA

99 Siena at Tuscany
Priced from the $800,000s. Fountaingrove hilltop location for this collection of luxury homes in a relaxed, golf-oriented lifestyle Take Hwy 101 to Bicentennial exit east to Fountaingrove Parkway to right on Parker Hill on the top of the hill. Daily 11-6 pm, Monday 1-6 pm 707-568-6787. www.christophersonhomes.com

SAN PABLO

100 Abella by Signature Properties
From the low $300,000s Now Previewing! Two collections of distinctive homes in a gated setting close to commute routes, BART, recreation, trails & parks • The Courts 3-5 BR single-family courtyard homes 1364-2521 sq ft • The Terraces 2 & 3 BR multilevel townhomes, 1351-1677 sq. ft. • Visit today! Sales office open daily 10-6, Monday Noon-6. 510-236-8215. www.sigprop.com

SAN RAMON

101 Norris Canyon Estates
From the low $1,000,000s. Extraordinary guard-gated community is in a magnificent hillside location in the heart of San Ramon Valley. These homes feature majestic two-story foyers, staircases fabulous gourmet kitchens master bedroom suites sunlit family rooms private dens and lower level bonus rooms in 14 floorplans from 3600 to over 6600 sq. ft. Six models open daily 10-5. 925-743-1000. www.tollbrothers.com

102 Windemere
From the $400,000s to the $900,000s. Family-oriented, master-planned community with 10 neighborhoods to choose from Outstanding amenities include more than 1150 acres of open space trails, parks, excellent schools, library & more! Close to freeways, employers & BART To get information call 925-556-6000 or visit the website at www.visitwindemere.com

103 Gale Ranch
From the $600,000s. Shapell offers exceptional homes with a variety of styles and price ranges in an established master-planned golf course community 15 beautiful models to tour at 4 communities with 4 neighborhoods opening soon Monarch, 5 bd up to approx 3013 sf; Coronado, 3-5 bd, up to approx. 2763 sf; Crest Bridge, 3-4 bd, up to approx. 2802 sf; Summit Bridge, 4-5 bd, up to approx. 6775 sf. Located just 1.5 mi. east of I-680 on Bollinger Canyon Road. Open 10-6. Call (925) 735-0300 at Crest Bridge, (925) 968-0970 at Summit Bridge or (925) 248-0112 at Monarch.

STOCKTON

106 Portofino at La Morada
From the low $200,000s. 3 to 6 bdrm homes ranging from 1820 to 3000 sq.ft Close to shopping & schools Excellent location Woodside Homes 209-477-9116

107 Ryland Greens
From the high $200,000s. Single family detached homes 3-5 bedrooms 2191 2893 sq ft. For information call 209-957-9020 www.ryland.com Interstate 5 to Eight Mile Rd Go East, turn right on Davis Rd Turn Left on Whistler Way to Fairway Glen Lane which ends at Cypress Run Dr. at model 15

108 Ryland Fairways *Builder Closeout*
From the mid $200,000s. 3 & 4 bedroom single family detached homes. 1756-2282 sq.ft For information call 209-957-9020 ryland.com Interstate 5 to Eight Mile Rd. Go East. turn right on Davis Rd. Turn Left on Whistler Way to Fairway Glen Lane which ends at Cypress Run Dr at model 15

109 Bellagio at Weston Ranch
Coming Soon! From the low $200,000s. 3-6 BR homes ranging from 1820 to 3000 sq. ft. Close to shopping and schools Exclnt location. Woodside Homes. •Northbound I-5, exit Highway 4/Crosstown Freeway to Highway 99. North on 99 to Morada exit West on Morada to Holman Rd

SUISUN

110 The Classics at Peterson Ranch
Priced from the mid $300,000s. Six new elegant plans, 1581 to 2830 sq ft 3 and 4 bedrooms, some w/detached garages Easy commute Forecast Homes. 707-432-0166. Open daily

TRACY

111 Duck Creek
Grand Opening! From the low $300,000s. Award Homes newest community of affordable single-family homes. 3 & 4 bedrooms, up to 1828 sq ft These well-designed floor plans have many amenities and upgraded features Loft options are available in some plans. Take Eleventh Street exit off the 205 fwy Turn left on Lammers Road, rt. on Fabian Road, and left onto Montgomery Lane Follow signs to the entrance of Duck Creek Open Fri-Wed 10:30-6.00. 209-839-6871 www award-homes com

112 Madison Park
From the low $300,000s. Family homes with approx. 2156-2396 sq.ft., up to 4 bedrooms Open daily 209-832-2480 Warmington Homes California Hwy 205, exit 11th St. Right on Golden Leaf, left on Carol Ann. Right on Gibralter

Ryland Americana
From the low $300,000s. 3 5 bedroom 2-3 bath single family homes. 1604 - 2518 sq ft Tracy - From 205, exit 11th Street, right on Corral Hollow, right on Golden Leaf Lane, left on Carol Anne Drive 888-646-6888 ryland com

116 Quail Run
From the mid $330,000s. 4 and 5 BR single-family homes in prestigious west Tracy. Elegant appointments, up to 2410 sq.ft. Great location, easy commute to the Tri-Valley. Open Sat thru Tues., 10:30-6 Award Homes www.award-homes.com 209-839-9275

Mountain House
From the $300,000s. Spectacular new home town - planned with the best of yesterday and brightest of tomorrow in mind Now showing the first 5 new neighborhoods of this masterplan featuring 3 to 5 bedroom homes from 1800 to over 4000 sq ft www.mountainhouse.net

VACAVILLE

120 Heritage Place
From the low $300,000s. Only 6 homes remaining. Travis School District. Homes from 1,320 to 1,801 sq. ft. with 3-4 bdrm & 2-car garage. Located off Nut Tree Rd and Somerville Dr. Open Sat-Wed 10-6, Mon 1-6 Closed Thurs/Fri. Visit at 236 Somerville Dr or call (707) 451-3525

121 Hampton Park
From $307,000 Leisure Town's newest active adult community A single story from 1349-1620 sq ft 2 & 3 bedrooms. Open daily 9-5, Mon. 1-6. Take Leisure Town, rt. on Sequoia, left on Yellowstone, rt. on Bryce Way. Silverwing Development Aaron Coombs 707-469-7373

VALLEJO

122 Hiddenbrooke
From the high $300,000s. Tour 24 MODEL HOMES surrounded by scenic hills and over 700 acres of dedicated open space Resort-style amenities include an 18-hole, Arnold Palmer Signature golf course, beautiful clubhouse with pool and fitness facility, hiking trails and more. Take American Canyon exit off I-80 to Hiddenbrooke Pkwy www visithiddenbrooke com

123 Harbor Homes
Elegant Waterfront Townhomes - From $379,000 (everything included) 1815 to 2085 sq ft 3 and 4 BR and 3 BA 2-car garage many pre-installed upgraded features included in price Designed by award-winning architect Sales open 11 a m to 5 p.m daily Call 707-558-8998 101 Shoal Dr West, Glen Cove, Glen Cove Pkwy., off Hwy. 780, lft. S. Regatta Dr., rt. Whiteside Dr www.harborhomes2.com

125 The Village
Priced from the mid $600,000s. Furnished Models for Sale! Located in the master planned golf course community of Hiddenbrooke. The Village is a charming neighborhood inspired by the art of Thomas Kinkade As the only gated community in Hiddenbrooke, The Village features floor plans reminiscent of 1920's architecture with up to 2,637 sq ft. Open daily 10-6. For information call 707-558-8315 www taylorwoodrownca com

127 Vintage Hiddenbrooke
From the low $500,000s Now Selling 3 & 4 bedroom Craftsman-style single-family Larwin homes near a championship golf course. Traditional touches include shingle-siding, dormers verandas, and trellises Call 707-643-4446 Open 10am-5pm www larwinhomes com

WALNUT CREEK

128 Tamarind Place
From the high $600,000s. Ready to move in. Ten single family homes, close-in city location 3-4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths approx 2200 sq ft At 1343 Boulevard Way Broker co-op For information contact Lenox Homes at 925-296-9622 or lenoxhomes.net.

129 Sunny Cove
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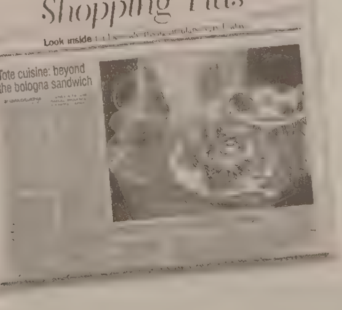

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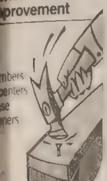

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ESTATE SALE
3284 WASHINGTON ST.
July 5 and 6 10-3pm
July 12-13 10-3pm
Collectibles, clths, kitchenware, records, cameras, electronics, toys, books, bikes, and more

GOLDCOAST YARD SALE
Furniture, computer equip. & more!
1617 Dayton Ave. (Off Grand)
Sat. 9-4 & Sun. 9-12

Something To Sell About Estate Sale

Talk about Fireworks! This month's sale is a major DISPLAY; Betsy Ross would be impressed. We are packed to the rafters with amazing treasures at bargain Holiday prices. Sale includes: 1930's ornately carved walnut 12 pc. dining room set and carved mahogany bedroom suite, large beveled glass mirror back lighted display cabinet, oak dining room set complete w/leaded glass china, authentic Biedermeirer side chairs, Lawyer s stacking bookcase, formal & country French furn.: marble top tables and dressers w/brass ormolu, needlepoint & upholstered arm chairs, armoire w/beveled mirror, writing table, bar cabinet & occasional tables w/inset leaded glass tops. Victorian & Mission style oak furn.: Doctor's exam table, dining tables and sets of chairs, 10 matching vintage bentwood chairs, roll-top desk and secretary, hall trees, dressers, farm kitchen tables and pie safes. Authentic Victorian: Painted Cottage and Eastlake dressers, massive peer mirror, loveseat, glass top bookcase, sideboard, platform rocker, and 2 pump organs. 1860's carved oak Dutch cupboard and clawfoot mahog. sideboard, Shabby Chic; painted dressers, chairs and wrought iron ice cream set. Art Deco display cabinet & armoire. Pine: armoire, entertainment center, buffet, and dry sink. 40's mahog.: sideboards, desks & tables. Hand tied Persian & Chinese carpets 3 x 5 to 12 x 18, camelback sofas, wingback chairs, 35 beveled mirrors, decorator lamps, selection of quality beds & dressers, hand tooled brass tray tables, curved glass display cabinets, cedar chest, Art collection of Luigi Kasimirs, David Lance Goines posters, Leroy Neiman, Oils, watercolors, prints, framed Chinese Embroideries, and oriental scrolls. 10 sets of china, 8 sets of sterling flatware, tons of silver plate & sterling pcs., Brilliant cut crystal, Orientalia, lacquerware, ethnic arts, vintage costume & Estate jewelry, tons of books, sheet music, CDs, instruments, Barber's chair, slot machine, church pews, furnished Doll House, glass French doors, 1800's spinning wheel, linens and MORE!

Sat - Sun July 5 & 6, 2003
9:30 am - 4 pm
1828 Park Street
(@ corner of Clement, near the Park Street Bridge)
www.somethingtosellabout.com

Alameda

Bargains Galore, Sat. July 5 8am-2pm , 1816 Eighth St. , Baby items, Collectibles, Hsehld. items, Kids clothes, Kitchenware, Lots of misc. , No Early Birds.

MOVING
EVERYTHING MUST GO!
3026 FLORA VISTA
SAT/SUN 10-2
LOTS OF STUFF, DON'T MISS

MOVING SALE
1014 MOUND STREET
SATURDAY 7/5 8-2pm
Furn., W/D, books, asst. everything. Everything must go!!

MOVING SALE
1623 SHERMAN STREET
SAT. 8- ????
Exercise equip., household. Lots of everything

YARD SALE
2110 PACIFIC AVE.
SAT 8-12
Collectibles and lots of goodies.

YARD SALE!!
SAT. 7/5, 9AM-3PM
NO EARLY BIRDS!
Lots of stuff, old & new
2066 SAN JOSE AVE.

Alamo

GARAGE SALE
Sat July 5th, 9am-2pm
44 North Jackson Way
No Early Birds Please.
Little Tyke's kit., hsewre., video's, toys, clothes, books, & more.

Albany

60 YEARS OF STUFF!!
1209 PORTLAND AVE.
(off San Pablo Ave.)
SAT. & SUN. 9AM

Antioch

1495 VIERA AVE.
(between 18th & Wilbur)
Fri./Sat. 7/4 & 7/5, 8-1
FRI./Sat. 7/11 & 7/12, 8-1
Multi-Family Sale
Reasonable, all must go.

SAT., JULY 5, 8-1 , 3029 ENEA WAY , Bike, Hsehld. items., Women's Clothes , Sports Cards and Collectibles, Yu-Gi-Ho, Pokemon, & misc., Off Putnam, between Lone Tree and Contra Loma.

FRI 7/4 ONLY 8-2
3021 Van Buren Ct.
(off Putnam)
Furniture, books, clothes, misc. hshld. items

GARAGE SALE
Saturday 7/5 Only!
8-12pm
1828 Mission Dr.
Home stereo, clothing, misc. hshld. items, etc.

Antioch

*** MOVING SALE ***
1236 Almondwood Dr.
July 2-4, 6 &7. 8AM-8PM
Cmplt. like new, liv. rm, din. rm., bdrm., audio, patio furn., AND MORE! ALL MUST GO!

MOVING SALE
Fortuna Ct.
July 4th-11th, 9am-3pm
Spa $500, Bedroom. furn., $750, computer desk $175, rototiller $450 & much more.
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MOVING SALE!
Fri./Sat. 7/4 & 5, 8-4PM
Drafting tbl., beds, game systems, clothes & more!
2936 N. Francisco Wy.
(X St. Mission Dr.)

MOVING SALE
Furn., glsswre, VCR & CD cass., pictures, books, clothes, old records, angels, toys nic-nacs, & lots more! **All week July 4-13 9-7** inside; 2310 McGinley Ave. 925-778-7965

SAT./SUN JULY 5 & 6
ESTATE MOVING SALE
Sec. sofa, "40-50's" Music Albums, Dishes, Farm Scale, "Highland" Lapidary Unit, Books, "Thomasville" Din. Tbl./Chrs & Hutch-Country English, Much More!
2830 Fortuna Ct.

Giant Sale!, 7/5 and 7/6 , 2504 Bishop Lane , Appliances, Books, Camping gear, Coffee tbl., Furn., Pwr. tools , Sporting gds. , Tools, Lots of misc. , No Early Birds.

YARD SALE
2834 Fortuna Ct.
Fri & Sat Only, 9am-3pm
Hshld. gds., clothes, books., furn., knick knacks, picture frames, bikes, electronics, & much more.

Bay Point

MULTI FAMILY SALE
SAT. JULY 5th, 8-5
Misc. cameras & luggage, DVD's, games, household products, tools, books, clothes & shoes.
254 Cleveland Ave. (off Bailey Rd. & Madison)

Berkeley

2015 WOOLSEY
July 6th, 8:30am-Noon
PRESSED GLASS:
old/antique + good furniture + dish set + lots miscellaneous.

Brentwood

FRI. SAT. 8-3
115 Fruitwood Common
Havenwood off of Applewood Common
Clothing, toys, hshld. and misc. items.
NO EARLY BIRDS.

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Clayton

SAT 7/5 9am to 3pm
222 Mt. Wilson Pl.
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Concord

FRI/SAT/SUN 8-3pm
1836 FARM BUREAU ROAD
Tools, furn., kids books, games toys, bikes & educat., exer. bike, glassware, dishes, antique crib, RCA pwr'd. sub woofer, hutch & more!

GARAGE SALE
July 4,5,& 6 8am-4pm
2 cars, auto rims, misc. hsehld items, collect., clothes, camping gear, video games & toys
1785 Oakmead Dr.
NO EARLY BIRDS!

HUGE MULTI-FAMILY SALE
VCR, crib, micro. Little Tykes, satellite, dog Veri-Kennel, Ex. desk, Beanie Babies, kidbed, telescope
Clayton to Coventry to Mt. Diablo St. to **Verna Ct**
Sat & Sun 7/5&6 8am- 4

Moving Sale, SAT 7/5 8-5pm , 3368 Wren Ave , TV, Desks, Furn., Twin Matts, Ent. Units, Silk Trees, KitcTble/Chairs, & misc., Cross St: Farm Bureau.

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Lots of rarely worn Women's Plus Size Clothing,Bikes, Din rm. furn., Toys. Treat to Oak Grove to Ryan Road.

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3194 Ida Dr. off N. 6th St.
nr. Port Chicago Hwy.
Toys, books, clothes, crafts, teacher & homeschool items, and hsehld misc!!

YARD SALE
Sun July 6th, 10am-4pm
Nuts, bolts, hrdwre., garage & hsehld. items.
1580 West St.

Danville

Couch set, dining table & 6 chairs, & more. 837-7708

GARAGE SALE
124 Lawnview Cir
Sat 7/5, 8am-2pm
Childrens bikes, toys, clothes, carseat, jogging stroller, mens' clothes, rocker, dresser, & stereo equipment.

Danville

July 4th MOVING SALE Noon-2PM 321 Hartz Ave, Ste 7 upstairs. (Downtown after the Parade) , Maple Desks w/credenza & horizontal-filing cabinets, Dell Computer Equip, Nortel Phone System, Metal Filing Cabinets and more. 925-838-4950.

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SATURDAY 8-2pm
SUNDAY 9-2PM
104 RAMONA ROAD
Off Camino Tassajara & Diablo Road
Household Items, clothes, glassware, dishes & lots more!!!

Dublin

HUGE MOVING SALE
SAT JULY 5, 9-4
Early Birds Welcome at 8
Office equip., furniture, hshld. items, gift wrap, gift items, prizes.
7647 Frederiksen Ln.
(off Brighton)

INHERITED HOUSE ESTATE SALE: Everything must go! SAT. 7/5 9-3pm
7008 LANCASTER CT.

El Cerrito

ESTATE SALE
SUNDAY 7/6 10-3pm
6360 Eureka Avenue
Antique & modern wood & metal tools, hsehld. items, books, furn., oddities, & MUCH MORE!!!!!!

GARAGE SALE
6100 Barrett Ave
Sunday Only! 8-3pm
Bike, computer, clothes, toys, collectibles, hshld. & misc. items

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5716 Fern St.
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Saturday Only! 9-3pm
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YARD SALE
SAT. JULY 5th, 9-3
Hshld. items, clothing, furniture & much more!
617 Albemarle St.
(at Lincoln 1+ block north of Central nr. E.C. High)

Hercules

MOVING SALE
Various household items, din. rm. tbl/chrs., desk, file cab., coll., glassware, SATURDAY 7/5 9-4pm
139 ORCHID COURT
Off Violet

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Lafayette

SAT JULY 5, 8-4
3368 S. Lucille Ln.
(off St. Mary's)
Rototiller, outboard, clothes, desk, refrig., exercise equip., bicycles, TV & much more!

SAT JULY 5, 8-NOON
50 Carolyn Ct.
(So. Pleasant Hill Rd. to Condit)
Furniture, clothes, toys, Barbies, fabric & more!

Livermore

SAT-SUN 7/5-6, 9-5PM
523 Jeannie Way
No early birds. '74 TR6, '70 Plymouth Fury Convt., 66 Candy vending mach. est., concrete counter, knick-knacks, camp gear tools, adult clothes, etc.

Martinez

MOVING SALE
APPLIANCES, Furn, & misc.. Italian Designer Men's Suits, 8' tall Gumball Machines, Classic Oak Dining table, Jenn-Air Refrigerator, Maytag Neptune front loading Washer/Dryer, Oak Bookcase, Wraparound Leather Couch, Globe, etc. Everything must go!!! 170 Dutra Rd, Martinez. Avail to 7/15/03. 925-639-4146 or 925-957-1095

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THUR-FRI-SAT-SUN, 9-3
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925-228-6963

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Appl.'s , clothes, furn., paintings, et all
Fri & Sat 8am-2pm
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YARD SALE
SAT 7/5 9am to 2pm
1130 Rainbow Dr.
Sporting goods, tools, camping gear, vintage clothes, plants, games, etc. Must clean out. Years of stuff.

Oakland

BETH ABRAHAM
ESTATE/ RUMMAGE SALE
SUNDAY 9:30-3:30
333 MAC ARTHUR BLVD
China, crystal, glassware Vintage desk, Rockers, clthes, toys, games, book jewelry, hshld, microwave, shoes, much more

BLOCK SALE
SAT 7/5 9am to 4pm
900 Vermont St. block Off Mandana
Photo equip., furniture, collectibles, antiques, records, household items, books & lots more.

MOVING SALE
Sat. July 5, 9am-3pm.
4012 Linwood
(off Park Blvd. & Hampel)
Collectibles, microwave, children's items, books, & costume jewelry.
"Treasures To Trash"
No Early Birds!

Oakland

ESTATE SALE
SAT-SUN 9-3
556 57th St.
(off Telegraph)
Nice dining tbl. & hutch, 1930s bdrm set, sm. oak tbl., figurines, collectibles, costume jewelry, ladies hats, tons more. R.H. Anderson

MOVING SALE
6033 FAIRLANE DRIVE
SUN JULY 6, 9-4
Furniture, plants, full set of weight training equip, & much more.

MULTI FAMILY SALE
SATURDAY 7/5 10-2pm
4454 ANDERSON AVENUE
bet. Reinhardt & Aliso
Lots of kids stuff & more!

Monclair Garage Sale, Sat/Sun 7/6-7, 9-3pm
5915 Chelton Dr.
Books, Kids clothes, Toys, Women's Clothes , Children's VHS tapes, & misc..

Oakley

DIVORCE/MOVING SALE
1720 CHANDON WAY
(Vintage to Concannon to Chandon)
Furniture (up to $150) & appliances (up to $75), hsehld. & garage items
SAT. & SUN. 8am-1pm

HUGE HUGE YARD SALE!
Electrical parts, houseware, misc.
SAT/SUN 7/5-7/6 8-4pm
2351 OAKLEY ROAD
Hwy. 4 to Live Oak then left on Oakley Rd.

HUGE SALE!
Sat. 7/5, 9AM-3PM
3900C Main St.
(X St. Buzzinn)
Furn., tools, collectibles, antiques, elec., nautical stuff., art, & MUCH MORE!

MOVING!
Furniture, tools, toys, lawnmower, large size clothing
SAT-SUN JULY 5-6, 8-4
1040 Woodglen Dr.
(off O'Hara)

QUALITY tools, riding mower, comp's., hshld. items, children's furn., clothes, exercise equip., & more! Lots to buy. Come & see! Sun Only, 8am-5pm @ 1324 Birmingham St. (Cross St.-Brown Rd.)

Sat. & Sun. 7/5-7/6 9-3
71 Pico Ln. (off Live Oak)
Horse equip., exercise equip., luggage, sofabed, bedding, refrig., patio furn., housewares & more. **NO EARLY BIRDS.**

Saturday Only 7-2
4561 Oak Forest Ave.
Washing machine, couch, baby furn., maternity clothes, household appliances, palm pilot, and much more.

Piedmont

HUGE ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES SALE!
Sat. 7/5, 9AM-3PM
35 MARR AVE.
(X ST. Harbord)
FURNITURE & MORE!

Piedmont

HUGE YARD SALE!
July 5th & 6th, 10-4PM
5920 Avoca Ave.
Mountain Blvd./Montclair
Furn., elec., kids, hsld, AND MUCH MORE!
All items in gd. cond.!

Pinole

- MULTI - FAMILY -
COMMUNITY YARD SALE!, June 21, 1-5pm, 2885 Pinole Vly Rd at Church lot. Baby Clothes/Items, Books, Collectibles, Computer equip, Furn., Men/Women/Kid's clothes, Toys, Lots of misc, No Early Birds.

MULTI-Family Garage Sale
Home furn., cookbooks, hospital bed, clothes, crpt. & lots misc. items.
2313 Orleans Drive
Fri & Sat, 8am-2pm
(off Tennent Ave., old town Pinole)

Pleasant Hill

MOM & DAD'S STUFF MUST GO!
Sat. 7/5- Sun. 7/6, 8-3PM
Furn., tools, kit.-ware, statues, & more!
Many Treasures!!!
Cash Only!
154 Harriet Dr.

MOVING SALE!!!!
FRI 7/4 & SAT 7/5 8-1pm
385 Maureen Ln at Lucille
Furn., Collect., mowers, garden tools, weights & bench, '94 Acura; etc.
GREAT STUFF FOR ALL!!!!!

MOVING SALE!!
SATURDAY 7/5, 9AM-3PM
622 MAUREEN LN.
Dresser w/large mirror, full size bed w/frame, knick-knacks, books, great toys, & misc. items

SAT JULY 5, 9-3
(No Early Birds)
Books, videos, baseball cards, lamps, bookcase, sewing cabinet, white headboard, china dishes for 12, & misc.
38 Liahona Ct.

SUNDAY ONLY! 7/6 8-3pm
139 Lockwood Ln.
near Westover Dr.
Baby, toddler, men's & maternity clothes, baby items, comp. games, hsewares, etc!!!!

YARD SALE
273 Betty Ln.
(off Elinora)
FRI-SAT JULY 4-5, 8-1
Wht. bunk bed, books, puzzles, clothes, misc. items

Pleasanton

MOVING SALE!
Sat. 8-2pm & Sun. 8-Noon.
1723 Orchard Way
2 Captains beds w/matt. & all bedding incl., full 12pc Noritake china, dinette set w/6 chrs, sofa & several misc hshld items.

QUALITY GARAGE
Power woodworking equip., car rack, art work, bread maker, bicyle, child seat, hdwre & many other gd. quality items
Sat Only, 8am-4pm
5418 Corte Paloma

Pleasanton

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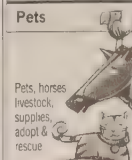

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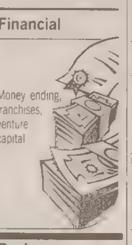

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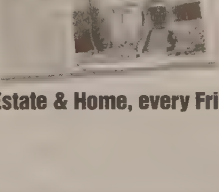

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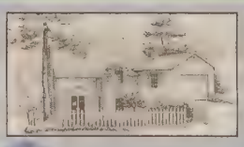

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NOLL overwhelms its SOLL rival in District 4 tourney

Game is called after 3½ nings after North akland jumps out to big lead

By Mike McGreehan
STAFF WRITER

ALAMEDA — Baseball has a ng history of intracity and re- onal rivalries. Thanks to a com- nation of perhaps fate and the edings for the District 4 Inter- tional Tournament 9-10 base- ll playoffs, the North Oakland ttle League/South Oakland Lit- League All-Star teams got into e spirit of that history at Rittler rk on Wednesday night.

This installment of an intraleague rivalry was most lopsided, however, as the NOLL All-Stars beat their SOLL brethren 10-0 in a losers bracket game that ended after 3½ innings due to a 10-run rule.

North Oakland, which dropped into the losers bracket after falling to the Alameda Little League All-Stars the previous night, played again Thursday. South Oakland suffered its second tournament loss and was eliminated.

"This was the first time that NOLL/SOLL has had an All-Star team with AA kids on it, and it was great," South Oakland manager Aaron Prince said. "Tonight was a disappointment — we lost previously in the bottom of the seventh to a team from Clayton Valley. But it was a great experience. It's great that we can reward kids who had great attitudes all season long."

For North Oakland, the game was an improvement over Tuesday's 7-4 loss to Alameda.

"We tried to work on our base running — we talked before the game that outs are a precious commodity and that we can't squander them like we did yesterday," NOLL manager Tom Counts said. "We got a lot of guys in, which was good, too."

There would be no squandering of opportunities by North Oakland in this game. The NOLL All-Stars scored four runs in the bottom of the first inning, then added three more in each of the second and third innings.

Ryan Madden led off the North Oakland first by drawing a walk. All hands were safe when South Oakland committed an error on a Jason Finkelstein fielder's choice. Adam Austin then tripled home both Madden and Finkelstein. North Oakland quickly added to its lead when Austin scored on a wild pitch.

Andy Carlson singled and was erased on a Nick Wright fielder's choice. But Wright motored home with NOLL's fourth run when Langston Morris-Walker reached on a three-base error.

North Oakland remained productive in the second inning. Henry Flatt reached on a one-out error, stole second, advanced to third on Andy Carlson's fielder's choice and scored on a wild pitch for a 5-0 advantage.

Carlson, who advanced to second on an earlier wild pitch, went to third on the wild pitch that scored Flatt. Nick Wright followed with a walk and went to second when South Oakland catcher Pete Baldwin opted to hold Carlson at third. Both runners came home, though, on Morris-Walker's single for a 7-0 lead.

In the third, Jake Shapiro led off with a double and went to third on an error. Willy Fogarty's infield out scored Shapiro, and Madden followed with a single.

Flatt reached on an error to put two runners on base. Both Madden and Flatt scored when Carlson's fly ball to center field fell in untouched.

Four pitchers each worked one inning for North Oakland. Austin pitched a 1-2-3 first inning. Wright allowed two walks, but got out of trouble in the second. Shapiro gave up a hit and walk in the third. Fogarty gave up two walks before closing out the game in the top of the fourth.

"We're happy to preserve our pitching for whoever we have (Thursday)," Counts said. "If NOLL No. 2 wins today, we play them tomorrow in another brotherly battle."

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NEIL HAYES
Staff columnist

Canseco whiffs at game game

BAD NEWS FOR those willing to pay $2,500 to spend an afternoon with se Canseco at his South orida estate.

The former A's slugger was rested recently for a proba- on violation after testing posi- e for steroids.

There is good news.

Now you can speak with m during visiting hours at ward County jail for $24.99. r $34.99, you can carry his ll and chain around the exer- se yard.

Few Bay Area athletic fig- es have had careers that in- ded so many twists and ns, all of which Canseco ne- tiated in the Porsche at 120 ph.

There was always baggage the speeding tickets, the

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Mariners edge rival Astros

THE MARINERS' Alex Briskin scores as catcher Spencer Wood of the South Oakland Astros gets upended.

Veteran coach Bauch goes out on top

By Pete Elman
CORRESPONDENT

CLAYTON — It was 10 a.m. Saturday morning, the weather was already 90 degrees, and veteran North Oakland Little League Senior American coach Mike Bauch was contemplating the conclusion of a long, satisfying Little League career.

"I'm at peace," the usually voluble Bauch said before his very last game, as his Mariners took the field to play NOLL/SOLL rival Astros to determine the District 4 Junior Tournament of Champions winner.

"After 10 years, I'm ready to move on," Bauch said. "Win or lose, it's been a great run. This is, without a doubt, the best season I've had."

It was about to get better. In a thriller that came down to the very last pitch, his resilient Mariners squad (21-2) prevailed 7-6 over a gutsy Astros team (17-6) to take the title.

After coming from a 4-1 deficit to tie the game at 4-4 it and eventually go ahead 7-4, the Mariners were able to withstand a dramatic Astros rally and win the game. They also got bragging rights in the resurgent North Oakland Little League Senior American division.

The two teams were not only the best in NOLL/ SOLL but absolutely dominant in the TOC, each team blowing out three opponents until they faced off for all the marbles at Clayton Valley Community Field.

Although Bauch won the coin toss, he elected to be the visiting team and bat first, hoping to get on the board early and make the Astros play from behind. But the Astros did not play along.

After retiring the side in the top of the first behind lefty hurler Bryce Hufford, the Astros struck for three unearned runs in the bottom half.

Mariners starter Mike Martinez loaded the bases with one out and then induced what appeared to be a double-play ball off the bat of Theodus "Big T." Ambers.

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SUSAN TRIPP POLLARD/STAFF

NORTH OAKLAND'S Mike McNeill-Martinez fields a ground ball.

MIKE McGREEHAN
Between the Lines

Battle not over yet for Phelps

THINK BACK TO those eighth grade civics lessons. Recall that the U.S. Supreme Court in 1896 affirmed the "separate but equal" doctrine regarding race relations in Plessy vs. Ferguson. Recall also that the court reversed itself in the Brown vs. Board of Education decision of 1954. And recall from 1962 when the high court turned thumbs-down on public school prayers in Engel vs. Vitale.

Supreme Court decisions are often controversial, most especially landmark decisions such as those noted above. Some even directly involve sports, such as the "Federal Base Ball Club of Baltimore, Inc. vs. National League of Professional Base Ball Clubs et al," which affirmed organized baseball's exemption from antitrust laws in 1922.

Last week's Stogner vs. California ruling — which rejected a California law allowing prosecution of decades-old child molestation cases — might not reverberate through the land for years to come. But it will have an immediate impact, especially in the world of East

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Bombers fall o eventual hamps

STAFF REPORT

The under-12 season of the ay Oaks Soccer Club Bombers rls team ended Friday after- on in a 1-0 loss to the San iego Surf White in the semifi- als of the U.S. Youth Soccer As- ciation Region IV Champi- ships in Honolulu.

The Surf White, which went to win the regional title Sat- day, controlled the ball for ost of the match.

San Diego, which entered the urnament as the champion of e California Youth Soccer As- ciation-South, outshot the mbers 15-1 and scored the nning goal in the 50th minute.

Later on Friday, the local team Ho'okalakupua GFA of Hon- lulu — defeated the CYSA- orth champion Pleasanton ge in a shootout in the day's her semifinal.

The teams played to a 2-2 draw rough regulation, and the score mained tied through two over- ne periods and 10 penalty kicks fore Ho'okalakupua converted 11th penalty kick and saved the ge's attempt to win the game.

The San Diego Surf won the gional title by beating o'okalakupua 1-0 in Saturday's nal.

In earlier action, the Bombers ored two goals in the first three inutes and held on for a 2-1 arterfinal victory over GSC Ar- nal 91 of Gilbert, Ariz., Thurs- y afternoon.

Ahsha Smith took control of

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Rainiers fall in title game, but it was a fun ride

■ Albany overcame 5-0 lead in semifinals against Clayton Valley before losing to Oakley in the District 4 championship

By Mike McGreehan
STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — Though the Albany Little League Rainiers lost 4-3 to host East County in the District 4 senior division Tournament of Champions title game in Oakley on Saturday, the road to the final was most memorable.

Perhaps etched in the memory of the Rainiers players for years to come will be their performance in their semifinal against the Clayton Valley Little League A's at Memorial Park two days earlier.

In that game, the Rainiers overcame a 5-0 deficit to post an 8-5 win and a place in Saturday's final.

The Rainiers tied the score with five runs in the top of the fifth inning, then won the game with three more in the seventh.

After managing just two hits off A's starting pitcher Nick Culum through the first four innings, the Rainiers took advantage of reliever Stephen Ross' inability to find the plate in the fifth. Albany needed just one hit, a two-run single by Kevin Klotz, to help its rally.

Ben Petrofsky drew a leadoff walk and all runners were safe when Steven Gee followed with a fielder's choice. One-out walks to Alec Jossens, Aaron McCreary and Miguel Panigua brought Petrofsky and Gee home with Albany's first two runs. Klotz then singled home Jossens and McCreary, and the Rainiers suddenly found themselves within one run of the A's.

After Marcelo Muñoz walked to reload the bases, Culum moved back to the pitcher's mound from shortstop. Culum's second pitching stint did not prove immediately successful, as Patrice Azi got hit by a pitch to force in the tying run. But Culum retired the next two to end the threat.

The Rainiers went down 1-2-3 in the top of the sixth, but finally got to Culum — likely tiring — in the seventh.

Paniagua drew a leadoff walk and came home with the go-ahead run when Klotz followed with a triple. Culum struck out the next two batters, but Tommy Harkins walked to put runners at the corners. Moments later, Klotz scored on a well-executed double steal with Harkins taking second. A single by Gee brought Harkins home with the tying run.

Winning pitcher Nick Perovich set the A's down in order in the bottom of the inning.

"I knew in my heart that these boys would come back," Rainiers manager Carlos Muñoz said. "They've done that all season."

The end of that season looked as if it would come soon as Clayton Valley scored three runs off starting pitcher Gee in the first inning, then added two more in the second.

The left-handed Perovich, however, proved puzzling to the A's over the final five innings. Perovich struck out seven and walked just one. He yielded just one hit, a two-out double to Culum in the fifth. Only two other runners reached base against Perovich, one on an error and another on a fielder's choice — both in the sixth inning.

"If Nick doesn't have it, then Steve has it, and vice versa," manager Muñoz said of his pitchers. "They play well off each other."

Surely, the formula — with the help of patience at the plate and some timely hits — worked well for the Rainiers in their most memorable semifinal.

Webster heading to SDSU

STAFF REPORT

El Cerrito High's Kevin Webster has signed a letter of intent to play baseball at San Diego State.

"I had to go with (San Diego State coach and former major league star) Tony Gwynn," said Webster, a second baseman. "I can learn a lot of stuff from him. He was one of the best hitters in the (major leagues).

"Education-wise, it's a good school also. If I wasn't playing baseball, I would have gone to that school anyway."

Webster said that he also considered Long Beach State and Oklahoma State before choosing the Aztecs. Webster said that he made an oral commitment in August with San Diego State.

Webster batted .450 during the regular season with an on-base percentage of .588 for the Gauchos, who reached the North Coast Section 2A East Bay championship game. Webster, a Richmond resident, was a second-team all-Times pick and a second-team all-Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League selection.

San Diego State finished with a 29-32 overall record last season.

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Major Yankees cap 27-1 season with TOC championshi

By Scott Strain
STAFF WRITER

ALAMEDA — For Josh "Yogi" Varinsky and his South Oakland Yankees teammates, "it ain't over 'til it's over."

Now, it's over.

Varinsky went 5-for-5, including a three-run home run, and drove in five runs as South Oakland became the first Oakland team to win the District 4 Majors division Tournament of Champions title with a five-inning 13-3 victory over the Antioch East Pirates on Saturday at Rittler Park.

"I've checked around," assistant coach Jim Balich said, "and no on can remember a majors team winning a TOC title." And Balich himself goes back a few years with the North Oakland/South Oakland organization.

Not only did the Yankees win, but the victory gave the team the distinction of being the most successful team in Oakland majors history, finishing 27-1.

"Our game plan coming in was that we knew we needed to score a lot of runs, and we did that," South Oakland head coach Alan Banks Sr. said. "We needed to get four innings from (pitcher Matthew) Kaufman and we did that. And we had to get our 11-year-old, Powell Fansler, into the game. He was tremendous. In fact, if the game was going to go another inning, we would have left him in there."

It didn't come to that. Ahead 12-3 in the bottom of the fifth, the Yankees strung together three straight two-out hits to win the game. Alan Banks Jr. got an infield hit and Matt Balich lined a single to left. Varinsky hit the first pitch he saw from Antioch reliever Sam Martinez into left and the game was over.

"I wasn't nervous," Varinsky said. "I've been playing a lot of baseball and my swings were real good today."

The only concern South Oakland had coming into this game was that it's one-two pitching punch of Matt Balich and Thomas Mora, which had led the team to three victories, was out of innings. The Yankees went with Kaufman, who had not previously pitched in the TOC. But Banks Sr. expressed confidence in his right-hander.

It was not misplaced. Kaufman gave up three runs on four hits in four innings but was never behind. He gave up a solo home run to Tyler Buchanan in the second and another to Johannes Clark in the fourth when Antioch East scored two runs. By that time the score was 9-1 South Oakland.

The Yankees jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the first when leadoff hitter Banks walked and went to second on a wild pitch. One out later Varinsky lashed a single to left, but Banks was caught in a rundown between third and home and retired. Varinsky went to second on a wild pitch and Mora was intentionally walked. James Singer walked to load the bases and Ted Shryock walked to force in Varinsky with the first South Oakland run. Mora scored the second run on an error.

In the second inning, the Yankees sent 10 men to plate and scored four runs to take a 6-1 lead. Cameron Corwin was safe on an error and Banks sent him to second with a fly ball single to center. Both runners advanced on the throw back to the infield.

Balich grounded to short, and Antioch East shortstop Percy Campbell threw to third to retire Banks. Corwin scored on the play. Varinsky singled to left to advance Balich and Mora was intentionally walked again to load the bases.

This didn't sit well with Singer, the No. 5 hitter. "It did make me angry, and I didn't do that well," Singer said. "Thomas (Mora) is a great hitter and you can't blame them for doing that (walking him)."

Singer, however, made the Pirates pay by lining a single up the middle to drive in Balich and Varinsky. Shryock popped a single to center to reload the bases and Kaufman walked to force in Mora with the fourth run of the inning.

Joe Vonderlinden, Antioch East's big right-hander, came in to close the inning with two strikeouts, but that was it for him. The Pirates got caught up in a numbers game and he could only go one inning.

"I know they wanted to use him (Vonderlinden) as a closer if they got the lead," Banks said. "But they had to bring him in that situation to stanch the flow of runs. It didn't help."

South Oakland really took command in the third. Banks singled to second and Balich lined a single to center before Varinsky smacked a 2-0 pitch over the left-field fence for a 9-1 lead. The Yankees loaded the bases after that, but the Pirates were able to get out of the inning without any further damage.

Antioch East scored two runs in the fourth on Clark's homer and a run-scoring hit by Anthony Ahedo for 9-3, but a lot of the resiliency of the Antioch East team disappeared after what happened next.

Justin Meier, batting after Ahedo, fouled a ball off his foot. It came up fast, hitting him i left cheek and grazing his The Pirates player collaps home plate as the coaching of both teams and administ from the Alameda tourna staff rushed to his side. Vi shaken, Meier remained o ground for about 20 minute fore being able to get to his

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South Oakland added more runs in the bottom o fourth, two scoring on an and the final one on a sing Varinsky.

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Then came Banks, Balich the final hit by Varinsky fo final run.

Hayes

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well-publicized spats with ex-wife Esther and his not-so-secret rendezvous with Madonna were prime tabloid fodder and part of his larger-than-life persona.

He redefined athletic celebrity with his 1-900 numbers and sex appeal. He was one part ballplayer and three parts rock star, but nobody minded as long as he inspired awe on the field.

Dennis Rodman proved the American sporting public will put up with just about anything as long as an athlete does his job in the arena.

That's where Canseco went careening off the road to the Hall of Fame. That's where the disconnect occurred. An athlete's celebrity is based strictly on performance. You can't become bigger than the game without understanding that the game is bigger than you.

Canseco is an athlete who reinvented himself as a celebrity. But for athletes to achieve long-lasting fame they must keep reinventing themselves as athletes.

Canseco never did that. Instead, he became a bloated caricature of himself and an easy target for ridicule.

Michael Jordan understood that without his mastery on the basketball floor his entire empire would crumble from within. Everything he accomplished outside the game was contingent on what he accomplished in the game.

If Tiger Woods wants to ensure the success of his clothing line he must focus first and foremost on his golf game. He's not as valuable a spokesperson for Buick if he was to suffer from a prolonged case of the yips.

A's fans will never forget when Canseco was pulled off the on-deck circle and traded to the Texas Rangers in 1992.

What came next was pathetic and/or funny, depending on your personal level of cynicism.

There was the Carlos Martinez fly ball that doinked off his head and over the fence for a home run, a blooper for all eternity.

He blew out his arm a few days later after begging his manager to allow him to pitch in a lopsided game.

From there he bounced from team to team, his famed all-or-nothing swing producing more nothing than all, and that's when he was healthy enough to play, which wasn't often.

His quest for 500 home runs ended at 462. He was arrested for a brawl outside a South Beach nightclub and was placed under house arrest after he failed to meet the terms of his probation.

He claimed he was blackballed from baseball (geez, Jose, do you think that might have anything to do with steroid use?) and was planning a tell-all book that would claim, among other things, that 85 percent of pro ballplayers use steroids.

Canseco always has lived a highly publicized life. His moneymaking scheme while under house arrest made national headlines.

The only thing we don't know about him is how he will be remembered. But we've got a good idea.

Canseco became the first player in major-league history to hit 40 home runs and steal 40 bases in the same season. He was 24 years old at the time.

Would he approach his career differently if he could somehow return to that moment in time? Would he have worked harder on his defense? Would he make his manager and teammates continually question his commitment to the game and to his own awesome talent?

Hearing his frank answers to those questions would make spending an afternoon with him worthwhile — as long as someone else was footing the bill, of course.

Now Canseco's attorney blames the presence of steroids in her client's urine on a "misunderstanding," although she doesn't explain how bodily fluids can possibly be misunderstood.

She also claims that his arrest proves that he is a victim of his celebrity. That's where she's wrong.

Jose Canseco isn't a victim of his celebrity, but his baseball career sure was.

McGreehan

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Bay prep basketball.

In January, Bishop O'Dowd High School placed longtime boys basketball coach Mike Phelps on paid administrative leave while authorities investigated child molestation allegations against him. In February, Phelps was arraigned on two counts of lewd and lascivious conduct with a minor stemming from alleged incidents in 1966 and 1967. Phelps pleaded not guilty to the charges.

As expected on Monday, the Alameda County Superior Court in Alameda — in light of the U.S. Supreme Court's action of June 26 — dismissed all charges against Phelps, the winningest basketball coach in California high school history.

A sliver of good news for Phelps, perhaps, whose ordeal is far from over.

For folks like Phelps, the U.S. Supreme Court decision is both a blessing and a curse. On one hand, Phelps is free from prosecution, though civil lawsuits remain a possibility. On the other hand, Phelps didn't get his day in court. He wasn't be able to refute the charges made against him in a public forum. Phelps' future as both a teacher and coach remains unclear. Ultimately, his fortunes are in the hands of Bishop O'-Dowd and the Oakland Diocese.

For the record, the Supreme Court's decision in Stogner vs. California was correct. With all due respect to the alleged victims of these alleged crimes, there are some people who can't remember what they had for dinner last night let alone recall detailed facts from more than 35 years ago. How could their testimony be reliable?

Also, many of the accused — like Phelps — have gone on to earn much respect during the many years after the alleged child molestation incidents. Should lapses in judgment from, say, one's late teens or early 20s forever stain one's life and reputation? And if convicted, does it make sense to send one to prison so many years after the fact?

Surely, Phelps has much support within the O'Dowd community. During the basketball season, boys and girls basketball players, their fellow students and many of the parents sported black T-shirts that read, "This is for Phelps," on the back.

Support has come from outside O'Dowd, too, from the greater high school basketball community and from former players and students dating back to his days at St. Joseph (now St. Joseph Notre Dame) in the 1970s.

One of Phelps' two alleged victims is dead. The other reportedly lives in San Leandro. He has remained anonymo throughout this entire orde which was his right under now-invalidated state statu His anonymity, though, hu the credibility of the case, which has smacked of opp tunism from the get-go.

Still, Phelps' return to O Dowd is no sure thing. Pro cutors based their case — least in part — on statemen he supposedly made to Alameda police while discussing his conduct with th leged victims. No attorney present.

Though what Phelps allegedly said was incrimina police officers and prosecu are human and have been known to make mistakes (r member the O.J. Simpson Oh, brother!).

A U.S. Supreme Court ruling can save people like Ph from prosecution. But even high court can't save a repu tion.

Surely, Phelps has touch many lives in a positive wa through the years. And ma of us hope to see him back the sideline next season. Fo that to happen, he will have rebuild his good name in th eyes of the diocese and O'-Dowd administrators.

Despite the Supreme Co ruling, Phelps and his attor still have a long road ahead Destroying a reputation is rebuilding one is hard.

Mariners

FROM PAGE 1

Ambers hit a comebacker to the mound, but the ball took a bad hop under Martinez's glove and everyone was safe. Martinez then threw a wild pitch to the backstop and compounded the problem by not covering the plate, allowing two more runs to score.

In the third, the Mariners got on the board when speedy leadoff hitter Alex Briskin walked, took second on a base hit by Jake Bauch, and scored when Martinez singled him home.

The Astros responded in their half of the inning when consecutive singles by Daniel Koches, Hufford and Griffin Lee scored another run to make it 4-1. However, with runners on first and third and none out, Hufford remained at third as the Mariners turned a 1-6-3 double play.

The Mariners, who led the league in scoring, broke loose in the fourth. With two out and the bases empty, consecutive singles by Kyle Bonacum, Briskin (2-for-3, three runs) and Bauch (2-for-3, two runs) loaded the bases.

Martinez (2-for-3, four RBI) then lined a double to the gap in right center, clearing the bases and tying the game at 4-4.

Bauch, who was catching, and Martinez switched roles for the bottom of the fourth. With one out, the Astros' Spencer Wood (3-for-3, one run) doubled to left center. Sean DeWolf then lined to short left, where Mariners outfielder Elmo Huth appeared to catch it.

But the ball bounced off his glove and dropped to his feet. Wood, who had stayed close to second, broke for third and was thrown out by several feet.

"I felt like we gave up a couple of runs on the bases — I made a couple of mistakes over there at third base," Astros coach Jeff Wood said after the game.

After a scoreless fifth, the Mariners broke the tie in the sixth inning. With one out and Spencer Wood now pitching in relief of Hufford, Briskin, who was thrown out stealing only once all year, singled and stole second; it was a very close play, a perfect throw from DeWolf — now catching — arriving a tad late.

Bauch then drilled a grounder up the middle. Briskin, who always gets the green light to run, darted toward home but Hufford, now in center, charged the ball and threw a strike to Wood, who was the cutoff man.

Briskin, seeing that he would be out by a good margin, stopped 20 feet before home plate and Wood instinctively threw to DeWolf at the plate. But the throw was high and rolled 50 feet to the backstop, scoring Briskin and allowing Bauch to go all the way to third.

Martinez then walked and advanced to second on a wild pitch. Byron Lichenstein (3-for-4, two RBI), the Mariners' big first baseman, smashed a single to right, driving in two runs, and the Mariners led 7-4.

Bombers

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a loose ball in front of the Arsenal net, dribbled in and scored to put Bay Oaks on the board in the second minute. Moments later, Caitlin Bresnahan received a pass from Ashley Assayag and one-timed a shot that found the net for a 2-0 lead.

Arizona cut the lead to one with a goal in the fifth minute but could get no closer. Arizona's goal was the first scored against the Bombers in the tournament.

Kay Williams made eight saves for Bay Oaks.

The Bombers did not give up any goals in group play, which ended in a 0-0 draw with the Pleasanton Rage on Wednesday. The Bombers, who lost to Pleasanton in the CYSA-North State Cup final in March, entered Wednesday's match fresh wins of 5-0 over the Avala of Sandy, Utah, and 6-0 ove Gillette Edge Wild Thing Wyoming in their first two gl play matches.

Overall, the Bom outscored their opponents Esther Leon had five goals Eva Hicks added three. St and Bresnahan scored apiece. Madison Ornstil a one goal in the tournament

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Jason Lee had South Oakland's only hit, a check-swing single in the third. Nick Prince and Zack Isaacs walked in the second. Elan Bernstein drew a walk in the third. Sam Edie and Sam Zabb-Parmlee drew the fourth-inning walks for SOLL.

Alameda 7, North Oakland 4: The Alameda Little League All-Stars took an early lead, saw it slip away, then rallied to win with four runs in the bottom of the fifth in this second-round game at Alameda's Rittler Park on Tuesday.

"Our boys showed a lot of maturity," Alameda manager Daryl Thomas said. "They didn't get down on themselves too much."

Alameda led 3-1 when North Oakland looked to take control in the top of the fifth inning. Joey Catanzarite led off by rea on an error and Ryan Ma walked two batters later. J Finkelstein followed with a gle, and an errant throw all Catanzarite and Madde score. Finkelstein raced to in a game now tied at 3-3.

The score did not stay ti long, though, as Adam A singled home Finkelstein to North Oakland its first — only — lead of the game at

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BILL MANN
Multimedia Notes

Modern family home life: as seen on TV?

PORTLAND, ORE. — There was something odd about the modern, four-room tract home in suburban Troutdale. As we walked through it with my son and his [illegible] who are buying the house [illegible] were doing an inspection, nothing didn't seem right. It wasn't just the sterility of place, which was decorated [illegible] Holiday Inn. But this was 0-year-old boy's home, and didn't see a single toy. What did see was eight different eo-game systems. Another [illegible] we didn't see: A single [illegible] in the whole house.

The last piece of the puzzle into place: The house has [illegible] ht rooms. We counted seven [illegible] evisions.

Is this the way kids are being raised today, we wondered [illegible] d? Are they just being [illegible] en over completely to video [illegible] nes and TV, with no enrich[illegible] nt at all from books?

I'm afraid this had become too common. Which probably helps to explain much [illegible] out our declining society, one [illegible] entrusts television to give citizens "meaningful" information.

This house was every bit as [illegible] risome as the visit last summer. I recounted here from a 9-[illegible] r-old boy, a relative from [illegible] of state and a video addict [illegible] o literally could not fall [illegible] eep unless a TV was on [illegible] by. That was dismaying [illegible] ough, but this Portland [illegible] sode was just as bad. How [illegible] d anyone raise a child in a [illegible] e with only video and no [illegible] eks and no toys?

Novelist Gore Vidal once observed that the U.S. was the [illegible] d's first "post-literate" society, one in which "people can [illegible] d, but don't."

[illegible] the couple who owned the [illegible] land house were white-collar workers who, presumably, [illegible] d read. But they didn't, and [illegible] arently, neither did their [illegible] n.

[illegible] huge TV in their living [illegible] m was emblematic: It was [illegible] g it looked like an extra [illegible] dow — a window, one could [illegible] ue, to nowhere.

THE BEST IN TALK: Passing through Seattle, I again had [illegible] opportunity to listen to [illegible] at may well be the best radio talk-show host in the country. You may have heard Dave [illegible] s' delightful, tongue-in-[illegible] eek commentaries for the [illegible] S Radio network here on [illegible] BS at 2:35 and 5:35 p.m. [illegible] ch day. But hearing the [illegible] ny, resolutely apolitical Ross [illegible] his home station of KIRO [illegible] dio (710 AM) for three hours [illegible] time is a rare treat in these [illegible] es when most talk radio is [illegible] rse and argumentative.

Ross celebrated the opening [illegible] Seattle's new opera house [illegible] week by offering two tickets – plus a free ride to the gala [illegible] his Prius – to the first caller [illegible] could identify a snippet of [illegible] -known opera plus the [illegible] r. The answer was the [illegible] er song" from Gilbert & [illegible] van's wonderful "Iolanthe," [illegible] nic opera San Francisco's [illegible] -renowned Lamplighters [illegible] tage at the Lesher Center [illegible] 21-23.

[illegible] e singer? Dave Ross. He [illegible] be singing in Walnut [illegible] s.

FEDERAL MATTERS: The [illegible] ington Post recently ran [illegible] er of its clever reader-par[illegible] tion contests, and this one [illegible] ed suggestions for mottos [illegible] federal agencies. Among [illegible] winners:

- Dept. of the Interior: [illegible] ot Fires With That?"
- Bureau of Consumer Pro[illegible] n: "Got Bilk?"
- IRS: "Complete Workshop [illegible] Form 483(b) to See If We [illegible]
- Postal Service: "When It [illegible] utely, Positively Has to Be [illegible] in a Week or So."
- Secret Service: "Only 5 [illegible] f 43 Ain't Bad."
- CIA: "The White Swans [illegible] orth for the Potatoes."

[illegible] ppy Fourth!

[illegible] ions or comments? e-mail [illegible] Newsmann@sonic.net.

SHERRY LaVARS/TIMES

CONCERT GOERS in the stadium seats at the Konocti Field Amphitheater have a view of the stage as well as the expansive Clear Lake.

Konocti singing a groovy tune

By Tony Hicks
STAFF WRITER

COUNTRY STAR Keith Urban stood atop a breezy hill, before 5,000 noisy fans on what used to be a lonely, weed-covered softball field.

Urban, country music's Jon Bon Jovi look-alike, looked around and spread his arms between the steep tree-covered mountain on his right and the wide blue lake on his left. "Check out the view from up here," he called. "Is this the best place in the world or what?"

The crowd roared in agreement. But while the view from the amphitheater is indeed impressive, it is the A-list entertainment that these days draws visitors to Konocti Harbor, a resort on Clear Lake, nestled in the winding mountains north of the Napa Valley.

Upgraded status

Once derided as the venue that booked fading rock and country acts on the county fair circuit, Konocti has become a player in the Northern California concert scene. The 2003 summer schedule features acts that would not be out of place at the Chronicle Pavilion or Shoreline Amphitheatre: Bob Dylan, Steely Dan, Goo Goo Dolls, Loretta Lynn, Melissa Etheridge, Kenny Chesney, Third Eye Blind, Toby Keith, Chris Isaak, B.B. King and Jeff Beck.

BEFORE THE CONCERT headliner begins, clockwise from left, John Nylander, Wilma Nylander, Terri Tuttle and Mark Comer enjoy the shady patio area.

"They've really upgraded their schedule, and it's far enough away from the Bay Area that artists can play both places," says Gary Bongiovanni, editor of Pollstar, the concert industry trade magazine. "Actually, it's kind of amazing. The amphitheater has made the difference."

The 5,000-seat amphitheater is part of the rebuilding project general manager Greg Bennett undertook in 1990, a year after Konocti founder and union leader Joe Mazzola died.

On the shore of a natural inlet between the lake and very vertical Mount Konocti, Mazzola built the resort in 1959 as a seasonal retreat for members of the Plumbers and Pipefitters Union Local 38. Bennett came in, renovated facilities, opened the doors year-round and began booking musical acts.

"I took over in April and we booked our first show in September," says Bennett, whose background includes similar resort-rebuilding jobs in Vail, Colo., and Jackson Hole, Wyo. "The first one was Leon Russell. We took a dining room, put up a stage, popped a hole in the wall for a dressing room and we were off and running."

Since then, Bennett has concentrated on upgrading Konocti's facilities as well as its concert lineup. Konocti's gone from a 300-seat dining room to having the aforementioned amphitheater as well as a 1,000-capacity indoor concert "showroom." And, slowly but steadily, Konocti has succeeded in drawing A-list names to its upgraded venue and pleasant surroundings.

"Getting Dylan was difficult," he says. "Getting Steely Dan was equally difficult, because they're very image conscious. But for 14 years we've planted the seeds."

A convenient getaway

Konocti's about 100 miles from Contra Costa County: a scenic 2½-hour drive through wine country and up over a winding mountain road. The resort has 250 rooms, 50 of which are taken up by performers on big weekends. And while some fans package a Konocti show around a weekend at the lakeside resort, the majority of the concert crowds come primarily for the music.

"We go to shows in Oakland and San Francisco, but we'd rather come here," said 17-year-old Jessica Hultberg, who drove over from Ukiah for the recent

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IF YOU GO

- **WHAT:** Konocti Harbor resort and concert venue
- **WHERE:** 8727 Soda Bay Road, Kelseyville, about five miles of Highway 29
- **CONTACT:** 800-660-5253, www.konoctiharbor.com

Naming of Old Glory an inspired event

JACK TUCKER
Community Theater

WITH NUMEROUS stages dark tonight, their performances closed for observance of Independence Day, I looked for a way to begin today's column with a touch of theatrics that would still reflect the theme of July Fourth.

I came across the name William Driver (1803-1886) in a single entry in Bartlett's "Familiar Quotations." He was a man of the sea — not an actor, not a dramatist. But on Aug. 10, 1831, he assumed something of each of those roles in one inspired moment.

On that day, a band of women presented a large American flag to Driver, captain of the brig Charles Doggett.

It was their way of thanking him for bringing the mutineers of the ship Bounty from Tahiti back to their former home, Pitcairn Island.

As the flag was hoisted to the masthead of his brig, Driver looked aloft and proclaimed:

"I name thee Old Glory."

What staging! What a line!

And that's the story of how the flag we honor today got its poetic name. The original Old Glory is now in the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C.

Okay, folks, back to business.

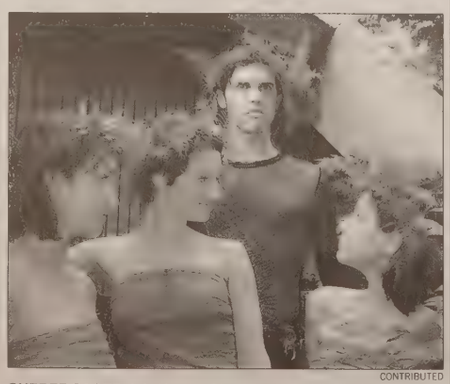
FREE, 'QUIETER' FIREWORKS: If you want another free show tomorrow and Sunday after tonight's dazzling fireworks displays, here's something to think about. Actors Ensemble of Berkeley has two performances left in its run of "The Bacchae" in John Hinkel Park off Arlington Boulevard in North Berkeley.

One of Euripides' most lyrical as well as thematically difficult plays, "The Bacchae," directed by David Stein, is a classic Greek tragedy making an argument for moderation over pure reason or pure sensuality.

The woodsy park setting won't be as noisy and flashy as fireworks, but the Bacchae — the female companions of Bacchus — can ignite other shockers with the themes of wine, women and paganism in this "summer solstice celebration" as AE bills it.

Remember, it's free; starts at 5:30 p.m. tomorrow and Sunday; lasts about two hours, so you should be home before dark. Bring a blanket, beach chairs and refreshments. Call 510-525-1620.

'WYRD' STRETCH OUT: "The Wyrd Sisters," a new comedy from Central Works in-



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CHEREE SAGER, left, Kendra Oberhauser and Emily Jordon plot revenge on Pentheus, while Dionysus (Ross Pasquale) presides over the tale of wine, women and paganism.

fluenced (somewhat) by Shakespeare's "Macbeth," has had its run extended through July 27 at the Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant Ave.

That means it will not be transferring to San Francisco's Thick House as originally scheduled. However, Central Works will produce three shows there in a residency over the next three years.

Written by Gary Graves and directed by Jan Zvaifler, "The Wyrd Sisters" features Rica Anderson, Claudia Rosa and Sandra Schlechter — the same team that gave us last year's "King Lear"-inspired "Every Inch a King" at La Val's Subterranean in Berkeley.

No "Wyrd" performance tonight or July 24; otherwise, catch it at 8 p.m. Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, or 5 p.m. Sundays, through July 27. Tickets are $8-$20 on a sliding scale. Call 510-558-1381.

'POND' CLIMBS ABOARD: We can add two more shows to the four mentioned last Friday, all opening on the same jam-packed night next week — Friday, July 11.

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GRETE STEINER took up watercolor painting five years ago at the age of 88.

Artist, 93, exhibits new passion

By Brian Kluepfel
CORRESPONDENT

What began rather innocently has become something of an obsession for Grete Steiner.

Five years ago, a fellow resident of Steiner's assisted-living home in Alameda mentioned an upcoming watercolor painting class. Grete went, and has barely put her brush down since, producing an amazing body of work: more than 200 paintings, by her estimate.

Not bad for someone who didn't start her art career until age 88.

"In the beginning I was terrible," she claims. "But after a short time, it developed into a nice hobby."

Now 93, Grete puts the emotions and experiences of a lifetime which began in Vienna, Austria, in 1910, into her work. Genuine and self-effacing, the only trace of anger that flashes in her lively gray eyes is the mention of her family's enforced departure from Europe in 1939. "That still makes me so angry," she said.

She has returned twice to the city of her birth since the war years, and remains enchanted by it. "I saw a TV program just the other day on Vienna, and it's just how I remember it!" she enthused. "I realized what a gorgeous, interesting city it is."

It was in Austrian art galleries that an appreciation for art stirred in young Greta. "I loved to look at paintings, to go to museums," she said.

Hints of Europe still crop up in her vivid watercolor work, often in street scenes of muted browns and grays. One of the more elegant pieces in the Fertile Grounds show depicts a corner wine shop on a cobblestone road. Some of these snapshot pieces come from her memory, she says, and some from her imagination.

"I never wake up in the morning with a certain idea of what I'm going to paint," she said. "It's just spontaneous."

She continues to attend regular painting classes at the nursing home, as well as picking up tips from a Saturday morning painting show on television.

Continued practice has brought a refined sensibility to her work in a short period.

"I paint every day," she says. "Memories, fantasies; sometimes I copy something."

Seated at a table in her apartment, she sits for an hour or two at a time — after her daily routine of reading the newspaper — and reaches into her imagination for a story to tell on paper. She often begins by sketching out ideas in pencil, and then painting.

She has some help in the process. Her daughter Eva Yarmo, a long-time Berkeley resident, buys Grete the paper and paints to maintain her hobby.

Grete laughs and calls Eva her agent — "but very poorly paid!" — and jokes that this will be her last show (the first was displayed in Berkeley's Margaret Anderson Gallery in 2002).

"I was thrilled," said Grete of her public shows. "I never thought I could make things that people are interested in. I got a big kick out of it."

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PAINTING EXHIBIT

WHAT: Watercolor paintings by Grete Steiner
WHERE: Fertile Grounds Cafe, Shattuck & Delaware, Berkeley
WHEN: Through July 13
TICKETS: Free admission

NOW PLAYING

Below are capsule reviews of movies playing at area theaters. The reviewers are Mary F. Pols, Times; Robert W. Butler, Chris Hewitt, Knight Ridder Newspapers; Glenn Lovell, Bruce Newman, San Jose Mercury News; David Germain, Christy Lemire, Ben Nuckols, Malcolm Ritter and Matt Wolf, Associated Press; Stephen Holden, Dave Kehr, Elvis Mitchell and A.O. Scott, New York Times; Jack Mathews, New York Daily News; Evan Henerson, Bob Strauss, Glenn Whipp, Los Angeles Daily News; Manohla Dargis, Kevin Thomas and Kenneth Turan, Los Angeles Times; Nancy Churnin, Chris Vognar, Philip Wuntch, Dallas Morning News; Robert Philpot, Fort Worth Star-Telegram; Jay Boyar, Roger Moore, Orlando Sentinel; Joe Baltake, Sacramento Bee; Ann Hornaday and Stephen Hunter, Washington Post.

"BEND IT LIKE BECKHAM": This genial ethnic sports comedy directed by Gurinder Chadha was a big hit in Britain last year. Jess (Parminder Nagra) is the younger daughter in a family of middle-class Punjabi immigrants residing in a London suburb. Her passion for soccer puts her at odds with her parents, who think sports are an improper pastime for an almost-grown teenager with marriage and university to think about. The result is a culture clash that becomes more and more complicated until the soccer match comes along to sort it all out. — A.O. Scott. (PG-13: language, sexual content.) 1 hour, 52 minutes. **C-**

"BRUCE ALMIGHTY": After local TV reporter Bruce (Jim Carrey) gets fired, he complains so much about his lot in life that God (Morgan Freeman) decides to teach him a lesson. Granted God's powers, the reporter gives himself the ultimate scoop (he finds the body of Jimmy Hoffa), turns his girlfriend (Jennifer Aniston) into a panting she-cat and generally takes very good care of himself. We're supposed to think this a wonderful insincere life (there's even a clip of the Jimmy Stewart classic at one point), but as rendered by Carrey, Bruce is just a whining, despicable, unworthy bore. Carrey, returning to comedy after trying his hand at drama to minimal box office success, seems shut off from human contact. You look into his eyes and see only rage. Not the best recipe for an allegedly feel-good movie. — M. Pols. (PG-13: language, sexual content and some crude humor.) 1 hour, 40 minutes. **C-**

"CAPTURING THE FRIEDMANS": If you're at a cocktail party this summer and you're chatting with two other people who've just discovered that they've both seen this fascinating new documentary from novice director Andrew Jarecki, consider yourself conversationally dead in the water. The only reasonable solution is to get out and see it for yourself so you can join in the debate about the Friedmans, a Long Island family that fell apart in the late 1980s after the dad was accused of sexually molesting a dozen or so neighborhood boys. Was he railroaded? Did he do it? You decide. You won't leave feeling cheery, but this roller coaster of a film is deeply challenging. — M. Pols. (NR) 1 hour, 47 minutes. **A**

"CHICAGO": Why was it again that Hollywood stopped making movie musicals? Who decided we shouldn't leave a theater humming that catchy tune, fighting the urge to tap dance our way across the lobby? "Chicago" is the kind of uplifting, exhilarating movie that makes you ask these questions. Vastly talented Renee Zellweger even manages to upstage diva Catherine Zeta-Jones in this tawdry tale, originally based on true-crime cases and later made into a Broadway musical. — M. Pols. (PG-13: sexual content and dialogue, violence and thematic elements.) 1 hour, 53 minutes. **A**

"DADDY DAY CARE": Mild, sweet and family-friendly, the quintessential in-flight movie. Eddie Murphy, his propensity for filthy raw humor completely neutered, stars as a marketing executive too busy to pay much attention to his adorable little boy (Oakland native Khamani Griffin). When he and his best buddy (Jeff Garlin) get laid off and become stay-at-home dads, they decide to open a day-care center. Lots of jokes about Ritalin and dirty diapers follow. The weird thing is, the once-greedy Murphy has become almost too gracious with sharing the punch lines. — M. Pols. (PG: language.) 1 hour, 33 minutes. **C+**

"THE DANCER UPSTAIRS": In this pleasurably nerve-jangling thriller, Spanish actor Javier Bardem plays a tender-eyed cop named Agustin Rejas trying to track down a mysterious terrorist in a highly corrupt South American country. Written by Nicholas Shakespeare, who adapted the screenplay from his novel, and directed with confident flair by actor John Malkovich, this film involves Rejas' two-track inquiry into a spasm of terrorism and, rather less satisfactorily for us, the uneasy stirrings of the policeman's heart. Like the book, this is partly based on the hunt for Abimael Guzman, founder of Peru's notorious Sendero Luminoso (Shining Path). — M. Dargis. (R: strong violence and language.) 2 hour, 9 minutes. **B-**

"DOWN WITH LOVE": A fairly winning new romantic comedy that could be right out of the Restoration Hardware catalogue, a stylistic homage to the '60s Doris Day-Rock Hudson comedies. Renee Zellweger is Barbara Novak, author of a shocking new feminist treatise that proposes women who want to get ahead should put aside love. It's a huge publishing hit, but it hampers the sex life of cocky journalist Catcher Block (McGregor), who decides to prove that Barbara is a squishy love nut at heart. Clever retro-style editing really works, the sexual innuendo and banter fly like the Concorde; and Catcher's sidekick, David Hyde Pierce, has exquisite comic timing. But the combination of McGregor's creepy shark smile and Zellweger's weirdly puffy face is off-putting and the freshness runs out before the end arrives. — M. Pols. (PG-13: sexual humor and dialogue.) 1 hour, 34 minutes. **B-**

"DUMB AND DUMBERER: WHEN HARRY MET LLOYD": Peter and Bobby Farrelly, the ingeniously bent brothers behind the original "Dumb and Dumber," came nowhere near this edition. And it shows — painfully so. There is a knack to crafting both stupid and grotesque comedy smartly, and this movie's creative team doesn't have it. As the film's title indicates, this movie takes place prior to the original. Working with a plot about how the pals met, Eric Christian Olsen and Derek Richardson are uncannily convincing as the youthful versions of, respectively, Jim Carrey's Lloyd Christmas and Jeff Daniels' Harry Dunne. It really is a shame that such hard-working, talented young actors weren't afforded the inspired humor they deserved to riff on. — B. Strauss. (PG-13: language, mild violence.) 1 hour, 22 minutes. **D+**

"THE EYE": This artful, unsettling ghost story uses simple and precise techniques to scare you before you even understand what there is to be afraid of. Blind since childhood, Mun (Lee Sin-Je) undergoes a cornea transplant and ends up not only with two new eyes, but also with second sight. To borrow the tag line from another movie, she sees dead people. And like the specters seen in "The Sixth Sense," they seem less interested in harming her than in soliciting some kind of posthumous therapy. What is most impressive about "The Eye" is its delicacy. Lee looks convincingly haunted by what she sees, and Thai-born directors Oxide and Danny Pang's pictorial instinct is as sure as their shock-producing sense of timing. — A.O. Scott. (NR: Cantonese/Mandarin/Thai with English subtitles.) 1 hour, 28 minutes. **A-**

"FINDING NEMO": Another delight of the imagination from Pixar, set under the sea, in the realm of fish who talk real estate, sharks who try to be better denizens of the deep, and lobsters named Mike. Nemo, a small clown fish, is plucked from the ocean and dropped into a fish tank in a dentist's office in Sydney. His timid father Marlin travels many leagues to find him, accompanied by a dopey but very funny tang fish (voiced by Ellen DeGeneres). The ideal blend of sentiment and sparkling humor, perfect for kids, charming for parents, and so good it's likely to appeal to a few souls who are neither. — M. Pols. (G) 1 hour, 41 minutes. **A**

"GHOSTS OF THE ABYSS": Fans of the all-time moneymaking film "Titanic" will chensh James Cameron's new IMAX feature documentary, which explores the remains of the ship with great intimacy. Those who found "Titanic" too sentimental will discover much to admire in the new film. Intricate details of the ship are revealed without pedantry, and the 3-D cameras bring all those details to remarkable life. — P. Wuntch. (G) 1 hour. **B+**

"HOLES": You walk out of "Holes" wondering why more kids movies aren't like this — exciting, refreshingly clever and completely heartfelt without a trace of condescension. Filmmaking that confronts serious contemporary social themes, yet has a gentle, old-fashioned magic. Based on Louis Sachar's Newbery Medal-winning novel "Holes," about a boy, Stanley (the winning Shia LaBeouf), who lands at a Texas work camp, thanks to a curse on his family, and gradually unravels the mystery of why the warden (Sigourney Weaver) makes the inmates dig a 5-foot-deep hole every day. Sachar wrote the screenplay, his first ever. You'd never know it. Or maybe you would, because it has an unpredictability that is sadly rare these days. — M. Pols. (PG: violenc language and some thematic ments.) 1 hour, 51 minutes. A

"HOLLYWOOD HOMICIDE": tered, conflicted disappointm writer/director Ron Shelton, wh made the still-charming confe "Bull Durham" and the intellig lice corruption drama "Dark Bl This comedy, starring older c rison Ford and younger cutie Hartnett as mismatched partne takes stabs at being both thos but the combination doesn't w Ford is game, Hartnett exudes ness and Lena Olin tries to bri san Sarandon-style energy to part as a radio psychic. But th characters feel slapped togeth plot is a bore and the comedy derwritten. Woe is the movie th beats a cell-phone joke to dea that's so 1999. — M. Pols. (PG olence, sexual situations, lang 1 hour, 51 minutes. **C**

"IDENTITY": In this slick new thriller, unpleasant people me pleasant ends at a remote mo shrewish actress (Rebecca De nay) and her do-gooder cha (John Cusack) are involved show up: the hooker, played Amanda Peet, the unhappy ne weds (Clea DuVall and William Scott) and the cop and his pr transfer (Ray Liotta and Jake Everybody has a secret. Even is a suspect. As the bodies pi the parallel stories collide and conflicting versions of reality. of intelligence to a genre that seen any in many a year. — R Moore. (R: violence, gore, lan guage.) 1 hour, 36 minutes. B

"THE IN-LAWS": This remake 1979 comedy is quite enjoyab coasting as it does on the pers chemistry between stars Mic Douglas and Albert Brooks. D plays Steve Tobias, a rogue C agent whose job wreaks havo the impending marriage of his When Steve finally gets arou meeting the prospective brid ents, he's in the middle of a plex mission. Juggling obligat Steve manages to rope in the of the bride, a fanny-pack-we podiatrist (Albert Brooks) who neurotic that he'll have an an tack merely from watching an commercial. "The In-Laws" fla bit in the home stretch — and ever the filmmakers make the sional stab at fleshing out the tionship between the bride a groom. — G. Whipp. (PG-13: gestive humor, language, som drug references, action violen hour, 39 minutes. **B**

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FRIDAY MOVIE LISTINGS

Showtimes for Friday July 4

Alameda County

Act 1 and 2
2128 Center Street, Berkeley 510-548-7249
•**Capturing the Friedmans** (NR) 1, 4, 7, 9:45.
•**Legend of Suriyothai** (R) 12:30, 3:30, 6:30, 9:30

Albany Twin
1115 Solano Ave, Albany 510-524-9588
•**Together** (PG) 1:30, 4, 6:30, 9
•**Winged Migration** (G) 2:15, 4:30, 7, 9:15.

AMC Bay Street 16
5614 Shellmound St., Emeryville 510-457-4262
•**2 Fast 2 Furious** (PG-13) 3:10, 8:10.
•**Alex & Emma** (PG-13) 12:35, 2:50, 5:10, 7:35, 9:55.
•**Bend It Like Beckham** (PG-13) 12:05, 2:40, 5:15, 7:50, 10:30
•**Finding Nemo** (G) 12:15, 1, 1:45, 2:45, 3:35, 4:30, 5:20, 6, 8, 8:45, 10:30.
•**Hollywood Homicide** (PG-13) 12:35, 5:30, 10.30.
•**The Hulk** (PG-13) 12:20, 1:05, 1:50, 3:25, 4:15, 4:50, 6:30, 7:15, 7:50, 9:45, 10:25.
•**The Italian Job** (PG-13) 12:10, 1:10, 2:50, 3:50, 5:20, 6:20, 7:55, 9, 10:35.
•**Legally Blonde 2: Red, White & Blonde** (PG-13) 12, 1, 2:30, 3:40, 5:10, 6:05, 7, 7:45, 8:30, 9:30, 10:15.
•**The Matrix Reloaded** (R) 7:10, 10:05.
•**Sinbad: Legend of the Seven Seas** (PG) 12:20, 1:15, 2, 2:45, 3:30, 4:20, 5, 5:45, 6:30, 8:15, 9, 10:25.

California Theatre
2113 Kittredge St., Berkeley 510-848-0249
•**Hollywood Homicide** (PG-13) 9:35.
•**L'Auberge Espagnole** (R) 1:45, 4:30, 7:10, 9:45.
•**A Mighty Wind** (PG-13) 2, 5, 7:20.
•**Whale Rider** (PG-13) 2:15, 4:40, 7, 9:25.

Chabot Space & Science Center *
10000 Skyline Blvd. Oakland 510-336-7300
•**The Human Body** (Not Rated) 12:30.
•**Lewis & Clark: Great Journey West** (Not Rated) 11:30, 2:30, 4:30.
•**The Living Sea** (Not Rated) 1:30.
•**To Fly!** (Not Rated) 10:30, 3:30.

Elmwood 3
2966 College Ave., Berkeley 510-649-0530
•**Bowling for Columbine** (R) 1:45, 6:45.
•**The Dancer Upstairs** (R) 2:15, 9.
•**Marooned in Iraq** (Not Rated) 12:15, 5, 7.
•**The Matrix Reloaded** (R) 4, 9.
•**Rivers and Tides: Andy Goldsworthy Working with Time** (Not Rated) 1:10, 3:10, 5:10, 7:15, 9:15.

Renaissance Grand Lake Theatre
3200 Grand Avenue, Oakland 510-452-3556
•**Finding Nemo** (G) 11:35, 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:20.
•**The Hulk** (PG-13) 12, 3:30, 6:45, 9:30.
•**Sinbad: Legend of the Seven Seas** (PG) 11:45, 1:45, 4, 6, 8, 10.
•**Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines** (R) 11:30, 2, 4:30, 7, 9:45.

Signature Jack London Stadium *
100 Washington, Oakland 510-433-1320
•**28 Days Later** (R) 11:50, 2:35, 5:15, 7:55, 10:40.
•**Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle** (PG-13) 12, 2:30, 5:10, 7:40, 10:10, 11:10.
•**Finding Nemo** (G) 11:30, 2, 4:50, 7:20, 9.45.
•**The Hulk** (PG-13) 12:45, 3:50, 7:10, 10:15.
•**The Italian Job** (PG-13) 11, 1:35, 4:10, 6:50, 9:30.
•**Legally Blonde 2: Red, White & Blonde** (PG-13) 11:45, 12:30, 2:10, 3, 5, 5:30, 7:30, 9:50.
•**Sinbad: Legend of the Seven Seas** (PG) 10, 12:10, 2:25, 4:40, 7, 9:05.
•**Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines** (R) 11:15, 1:50, 4:30, 7:15, 8, 10, 10:45.

Renaissance Oaks Theatre *
1875 Solano Avenue, Berkeley 510-526-1836
•**Alex & Emma** (PG-13) 9:15.
•**Down with Love** (PG-13) 7:15.
•**Holes** (PG) 12, 2:15, 4:30.
•**Sinbad: Legend of the Seven Seas** (PG) 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7, 9.

Parkway Theater
1834 Park Blvd. Oakland 510-814-2400
•**Bruce Almighty** (PG-13) 7.
•**Hollywood Homicide** (PG-13) 9:45.
•**The Matrix Reloaded** (R) 6:15, 9:30.

Piedmont Theatre
4186 Piedmont Ave. Oakland 510-654-2758
•**Bend It Like Beckham** (PG-13) 1:40, 4:10, 6:40, 9:10.
•**Whale Rider** (PG-13) 2:20, 4:40, 7, 9:30.
•**Winged Migration** (G) 2:30, 4:50, 7:10, 9:20.

Shattuck Cinemas *
2230 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley 510-644-2992
•**Bend It Like Beckham** (PG-13) 1:30, 4:10, 6:45, 9:20.
•**The Eye** (Not Rated) 9:50.
•**Finding Nemo** (G) 1:15, 4, 7:05, 9:30
•**The Hard Word** (R) 2:15, 4:40, 7:20, 9:45.
•**The Heart of Me** (R) 4:25, 6:55, 9:05.
•**The Italian Job** (PG-13) 2, 4:30, 7, 9:25.
•**The Man On The Train** (R) 12:25, 2:35, 4:45, 7:25, 9:40.
•**Nowhere in Africa** (R) 12:40, 3:40, 6:40
•**Raising Victor Vargas** (R) 12:20, 2:40, 4:50, 7:10, 9:15.
•**Respiro** (PG-13) 12:30, 2:45, 5, 7:15, 9.35
•**Rugrats Go Wild** (PG) 12:35, 2.30
•**Spellbound** (G) 12:15, 2:25, 4:35, 6:50, 9:10

United Artists Berkeley 7
2274 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley 510-843-0193
•**28 Days Later** (R) 11:15, 2:10, 4:50, 7:20, 10
•**Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle** (PG-13) 11, 11:30, 1:30, 2:15, 4:15, 4:50, 7:15, 8, 9:50, 10:30.
•**The Hulk** (PG-13) 1, 4, 7:50, 10:55.
•**Legally Blonde 2: Red, White & Blonde** (PG-13) 12, 2:30, 5, 7:45, 10:10.
•**Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines** (R) 10:45, 11:45, 1:15, 2:15, 3:45, 4:45, 7, 7:30, 9:45, 10:15.

United Artists Emery Bay Stadium 10 *
6330 Christie Ave, Emeryville 510-420-0492
•**28 Days Later** (R) 11:50, 2:30, 5:10, 7:20, 8:10, 9:50, 10:45.
•**Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle** (PG-13) 11:40, 12:20, 1, 2:20, 3, 3:40, 5, 5:40, 6:20, 7, 7:40, 8:20, 9, 9:40, 10:20, 11.
•**Rugrats Go Wild** (PG) 11:30, 1:25, 3:20, 5:15.
•**Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines** (R) 11:30, 12, 12:40, 1:20, 2, 2:40, 3:20, 4, 4:40, 5:20, 5:55, 6:40, 7:20, 8, 8:40, 9:20, 10, 10:40, 11:20.
•**Winged Migration** (G) 12:10, 2:50, 4:45

Central Contra Costa

Renaissance Orinda Theatre *
4 Orinda Theatre Sq., Orinda 925-254-9060
•**Finding Nemo** (G) 11:45, 2:20, 4:45, 7:15, 9:20.
•**Legally Blonde 2: Red, White & Blonde** (PG-13) 11:30, 2, 4:30, 7, 9:30.
•**Sinbad: Legend of the Seven Seas** (PG) 12, 2:10, 4, 6, 8, 9:45.

Renaissance Park Theatre
3519 Golden Gate Way., Lafayette 925-283-7997
•**Alex & Emma** (PG-13) 5, 9:45.
•**Nowhere in Africa** (R) 2, 7.

Rheem Theatre *
350 Park St, Moraga 925-988-3411
•**Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle** (PG-13) 12:10, 2:20, 4:40, 7:20, 9:35.
•**The Hulk** (PG-13) 12:30, 4, 6:45, 9:25.
•**The Italian Job** (PG-13) 11:55, 2:10, 4:30, 7:10, 9:30.
•**Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines** (R) 11:45, 2, 4:20, 7, 9:20.

West Contra Costa

Century 16 Hilltop
3200 Klose Way, Richmond 510-758-2345
•**2 Fast 2 Furious** (PG-13) 8, 10:25.
•**28 Days Later** (R) 11:15, 1:50, 4:25, 7:05, 9:45.
•**Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle** (PG-13) 11:25, 12:20, 1:05, 1:55, 2:50, 3:40, 4:25, 5:20, 6:15, 7, 7:55, 9:35, 10:30.
•**Finding Nemo** (G) 11:30, 12:25, 2, 2:50, 4:30, 7, 9:30.
•**The Hulk** (PG-13) 1, 4:10, 7:20, 10:20.
•**Italian Job** (PG-13) 11:45, 2:20, 5, 7:35, 10:15.
•**Legally Blonde 2: Red, White & Blonde** (PG-13) 11:55, 12:55, 2:15, 3:15, 4:35, 5:40, 7, 7:30, 8, 9:25, 10, 10:25.
•**Rugrats Go Wild** (PG) 11:35, 1:40, 3:45, 6.
•**Sinbad: Legend of the Seven Seas** (PG) 11:30, 12:35, 1:40, 2:45, 3:50, 4:55, 6, 8:10, 10.20.
•**Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines** (R) 11:50, 12:40, 1:10, 2:30, 3:20, 3:50, 5:10, 5:35, 6, 6:30, 7:50, 8:15, 8:40, 9:10, 10, 10:30.

San Francisco

AMC Van Ness 14 *
1000 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco 415-922-4262
•**28 Days Later** (R) 1:55, 4:40, 7:35, 10:20.
•**Bruce Almighty** (PG-13) 2:05, 5:40, 8:05, 10:25.
•**Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle** (PG-13) 12:10, 1:10, 2:50, 5, 5:30, 7:40, 8.10, 10:20, 10:55.
•**Finding Nemo** (G) 1:10, 1:40, 4:25, 4:55, 7.20, 9.50
•**The Hulk** (PG-13) 11:45, 12:30, 3, 3:45, 6:15, 7, 9:30, 10:15
•**The Italian Job** (PG-13) 2:20, 5:05, 7:50, 10 35
•**Legally Blonde 2: Red, White & Blonde** (PG-13) 11:50, 12:20, 2:40, 5:10, 5:50, 7:40, 8.20, 10:50, 11:20.
•**The Matrix Reloaded** (R) 7:25, 10:30.
•**Sinbad: Legend of the Seven Seas** (PG) 1:30, 4, 7:45, 10:10.
•**Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines** (R) 11:30, 1:30, 2:15, 4:15, 5, 7, 7:45, 9:45, 10.30.

AMC Kabuki 8 *
1881 Post Street, San Francisco 415-931-9800
•**Alex & Emma** (PG-13) 1:25, 4:35, 7:20, 9:45.
•**Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle** (PG-13) 1:45, 5:05, 8, 10:35.
•**Finding Nemo** (G) 1:05, 4:10, 7, 9:35.
•**The Hulk** (PG-13) 12:50, 4, 7:10, 10:10.
•**The Italian Job** (PG-13) 1:35, 4:45, 7:50, 10:30
•**Legally Blonde 2: Red, White & Blonde** (PG-13) 1:15, 4:25, 7:40, 10:20.
•**Rugrats Go Wild** (PG) 12:40, 2:45, 4:55, 7:20, 9:25.
•**Sinbad: Legend of the Seven Seas** (PG) 12:30, 2:55, 5:15, 7:30, 9:55.

Bridge Theatre*
3010 Geary Blvd, San Francisco 415-751-3213
•**Whale Rider** (PG-13) 1:50, 4.20, 7, 9:30.

Castro Theatre*
429 Castro St., San Francisco 415-621-6120
•**The Good, the Bad and the Ugly** (R) 8

Clay Theatre
2261 Fillmore Street, San Francisco 415-346-1124
•**Swimming Pool** (R) 11:15, 1:45, 4:20, 7, 9:40.

Embarcadero Center Cinemas *
1 Embarcadero Center, San Francisco 415-352-0835
•**Capturing the Friedmans** (Not Rated) 1:30, 4:40, 7:30, 9:50.
•**L'Auberge Espagnole** (R) 1, 4, 7, 9:45.
•**The Legend of Suriyothai** (R) 12, 3, 6:15, 9:20.
•**Spellbound** (G) 12:20, 2:40, 5:05, 7:20, 9:40.
•**Winged Migration** (G) 12:10, 2:20, 4:30, 7:10, 9:30.

Lumiere Theatre *
1572 California St., San Francisco 415-885-3201
•**Bend It Like Beckham** (PG-13) 2, 4:30, 7, 9:30.
•**Jet Lag** (R) 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45
•**A Mighty Wind** (PG-13) 2:30, 5, 7:30, 10.

Opera Plaza Cinema *
601 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco 415-771-0183
•**The Eye** (Not Rated) 4:15, 9:20.
•**The Hard Word** (R) 1:30, 4, 7:15, 9:40.
•**The Heart of Me** (R) 1:45, 6:50.
•**The Man On The Train** (R) 2:15, 4:45, 7:30, 9:50.
•**Respiro** (PG-13) 2, 4:30, 7, 9:30.

The Red Vic Theatre *
1727 Haight San Francisco 415-668-3994
•**Theatre Closed for the Holiday.**

The Roxie Theatre *
3117 16th At Valencia, San Francisco 415-863-1087
•**Rivers and Tides: Andy Goldsworthy Working with Time** (Not Rated) 7, 9.

Loews Theatres Metreon*
101 Fourth St, San Francisco 415-369-6201
•**28 Days Later** (R) 12:10, 3:10, 6:20, 9:30, 12:30.
•**Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle** (PG-13) 11, 1:10, 2, 4, 5, 7:10, 8, 9:10, 10, 11, 12.
•**Finding Nemo** (G) 12:30, 3:40, 6:30, 9:20, 12:20.
•**The Hulk** (PG-13) 10:35, 12, 2:20, 3:20, 5:30, 6:50, 10:10.
•**The Italian Job** (PG-13) 11:10, 2:10, 4:50, 7:50, 10:30.
•**Legally Blonde 2: Red, White & Blonde** (PG-13) 10:40, 11:40, 1:40, 2:50, 4:40, 5:40, 7:30, 8:30, 10:20, 11:30.
•**The Matrix Reloaded** (R) 10:30, 11:10.
•**Sinbad: Legend of the Seven Seas** (PG) 10:50, 11:50, 1:30, 2:30, 4:20, 5:20, 7, 9:40.
•**Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines** (R) 11:30, 12:20, 1, 1:50, 2:40, 3:30, 4:30, 5:10, 5:50, 6:40, 7:40, 8:10, 8:40, 9, 9:50, 10:50, 11:20, 12:10.

Loews IMAX Theatre*
101 Fourth Street, San Francisco 415-369-6201
•**Ghosts of the Abyss** (G) 10:30.
•**Matrix (IMAX) Reloaded** (R) 12:50, 4:10, 7:20, 10:40.

United Artists Galaxy 4 *
1285 Sutter St., San Francisco 415-474-8790
•**Alex & Emma** (PG-13) 2, 4:30, 7:30, 9:45.
•**Chicago** (PG-13) 1:40, 4:10, 7:10, 9:30.
•**On_Line** (Not Rated) 1:45, 4, 7, 9:40.
•**Together** (Not Rated) 1:30, 4:15, 7, 9:30.

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Racing Form

Violent 'T3' is a buzz machine — 'Sinbad' is more of a snore

By Roger Moore
ORLANDO SENTINEL

"TERMINATOR 3: RISE OF THE MACHINES"

Rating: R for strong sci-fi violence and action, language and brief nudity.

What it's about: "I'm back … again!" The killing machine-people from the future return to the present to wreak havoc and try to kill the young humans who will grow up to defeat the machines in the big war to come.

The Kid Attractor Factor: Violence, car chases, gore, special effects galore. Kids will be sneaking into this in droves.

Good lessons/bad lessons: Try to keep track of who you make out with in a friend's basement when you're a teenager.

WITH FAMILIES IN MIND

They may turn out to be the mother/father of humankind.

Violence: None … Just kidding! Pretty much nonstop, and gory.

Language: Profanity occurs.

Sex: A strip bar is visited, Arnie is nude … again.

Drugs: Prescription stuff.

Parents advisory: If they've seen "T2" on tape or cable, they're old enough for this.

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"SINBAD: LEGEND OF THE SEVEN SEAS"

Rating: PG for adventure action, some mild sensuality and brief language.

What it's about: The "Arabian Nights" pirate is rendered into a cartoon, voiced by Brad Pitt, in this time-killer from DreamWorks. Sinbad is framed for the theft of a book that guarantees peace, and he has to clear his name.

The Kid Attractor Factor: Well, it is a cartoon, even though children can get their fill of mediocre animation on TV.

Good lessons/bad lessons: Even pirates want to protect their reputation, and never chase after your best friend's girl, even if she's voiced by Catherine Zeta-Jones.

Violence: Mild cartoon violence.

Language: Clean.

Sex: Hot drawings, but not too hot.

Drugs: None.

Parents advisory: The tykes will be bored, but you'll want to open a vein.

Steiner

FROM PAGE C3

"I can't keep all the paintings, because she's so prolific," says Eva. "I'm really blown away — she's an amazing talent, and she's lucky that she finally discovered that."

Another child, Grete's son Mark, has also inspired the painter. Mark suffers from Parkinson's disease, and Grete plans to donate the proceeds from her paintings to organizations seeking a cure.

Now that she's produced hundreds of watercolors, Grete is considering acrylics and perhaps even oil paints.

The renewed thrill of creation keeps her painting. She speaks excitedly of a landscape she just completed, and when asked about a personal favorite, she glowingly says, "It's always the last one!"

Does she have any plans to teach painting herself? Again, Grete laughs and shakes her head. "Oh no, there are certain things you just can't teach," she said. "It has to be in you."

She claims to have a "teeny, tiny little bit" of the requisite artistic temperament.

Interview concluded, she turns the table on the reporter. "Have you ever interviewed someone as old as me?" she asks.

No, I have to admit, nor as inspirational.

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MOVIE PICKS

Reviews from around the nation

	Contra Costa Times	Dallas Morning News	Detroit Free Press	Miami Herald	N.Y. Daily News	Philadelphia Inquirer	Seattle Times
"Alex & Emma" (PG-13)	Weak	Bomb	Bomb	Bomb	Weak	Bomb	Bomb
"Bruce Almighty" (PG-13)	Weak	Weak	Good	Bomb	Good	Good	Weak
"Charlie's Angeles" (PG-13)	Weak			Good		Good	
"Finding Nemo" (G)	Brilliant	Brilliant	Good	Brilliant	Brilliant	Good	Brilliant
"Hollywood Homicide" (PG-13)	Weak	Weak	Bomb	Bomb	Bomb	Weak	Bomb
"The Hulk" (PG-13)	Good	Weak	Weak	Weak	Weak	Brilliant	Weak
"28 Days Later" (R)	Good			Good		Brilliant	
"2 Fast 2 Furious" (PG-13)	Weak	Weak	Bomb	Weak	Bomb	Weak	Weak

★ Brilliant ■ Good ▼ Weak Bomb

Theater

FROM PAGE C3

Orinda Starlight Village Play[ers] joins the crowd with "On [Go]lden Pond," Ernest Thomp[son]'s funny and warmly percep[tive] comedy about a spirited and [lov]ing elderly couple facing their [tw]ilight years. It was in the news [M]onday in connection with the [Ka]tharine Hepburn obituary. [Sh]e and her co-star, Henry [Fo]nda, along with Thompson, all [wo]n Academy Awards for the [19]81 film version.

Plays in the outdoor theater, Orinda Way, at 8:30 p.m. Fri[da]ys and Saturdays through [Au]g. 9, with extra performances [at] 4 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 3, and [8 p].m. on Aug. 7. Tickets are [$1]4 general, $7 for seniors and [stu]dents. Call 925-253-1191.

'REBECCA' TAKES A [STA]KE: Act Now! of Benicia also [tak]es its production of Daphne [du] Maurier's mystery thriller, ["R]ebecca," to the Dean Lesher [Re]gional Center for the Arts, [14]01 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek. Brooding and moody Maxim [de] Winter brings home his [you]ng bride less than a year after the tragic death of his first wife, Rebecca.

The staff of Manderley, his country home, is still devoted to their former mistress, the socialite Rebecca, and they find it difficult to accept the new, shy Mrs. de Winter who is inexperienced running a large home. In addition, Rebecca's tragic boating accident, that took her life, seems to haunt Manderley and its inhabitants. Was there truly an accident? Is Rebecca really dead? Were Maxim and Rebecca blissfully happy? Du Maurier holds the audience in suspense until the last moment.

Directed by Irv Siegel, "Rebecca" plays at 8:15 Fridays and Saturdays, 2:15 Sundays, through Aug. 2. Tickets are $25; discounts for seniors, students and TBA members. Call 925-943-7469.

INITALLY SPEAKING: Sassafras, a small tree of the laurel family, native to the eastern part of North America, has a sassy ring to its name that — who else? — Shotgun Players has chosen for an annual benefit. This year, S.A.S.S.A.F.R.A.S. — "Shotgun's 2nd Annual Spendalicious Silent Auction Family Reunion And Supperganza" — will be held Monday, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., at the Julia Morgan Theatre, 2640 College Ave., Berkeley.

The evening will include live cabaret music, a home-cooked (by Shotgun Players) supper and the silent auction with a range of goodies equaling the Players range of dramatic productions. Such as: dinner at Chez Panisse, a vacation at a Caribbean mansion (I'm taking their word for the digs), breakfast at Rick & Ann's, rock-climbing lessons, 24 Hour Fitness membership, art and jewelry, tickets to the opera, a "Berkeley collectives package and much, much more."

Tickets are $11 to $111 — pay whatever you can between those numbers. RSVP to 510-704-8210.

Send theater items of interest to Jack Tucker c/o the West County Times, 4301 Lakeside Drive, Richmond, CA 94806; e-mail to jtucker@cctimes.com ; fax to 510-262-2776, or call 510-262-2768. Include a contact name and number.

Konocti

FROM PAGE C3

Kenny Chesney/Deana Carter/Keith Urban show. "You've got the lake, the cool breeze, and you can go inside or outside. There's a really good feeling here. People come here from Los Angeles and San Diego."

And, as Bongiovanni notes, Konocti's concerts can be a good hook for the resort, instead of the other way around.

"It's smart marketing," he said. "The fact that there's a B.B. King or a Boston to bring in people will make people want to come back."

Those who stay the night will often find a lively scene. As with many busy Saturday nights, the party went strong into the night after the Chesney/Urban/Carter show. The crowd shifted to the large bar, dance and patio area in the main building until the wee hours, with a cover band playing to a packed dance floor in the showroom.

For daytime recreation, Konocti, which includes a full-service spa and gym, watercraft rentals, multiple pools, a miniature golf course, tennis, a fishing pier and organized activities for kids. There's also a former Hard Rock Cafe that's now known as the Classic Rock Cafe. Tons of memorabilia hang from the walls, much of it straight from resort performers.

The apartment-style accommodations vary, depending on need and price. It resembles the old style summer destination resorts where a family could stay a few weeks at a time.

Easy-going attitude

The amphitheater isn't exactly high-tech, featuring bathrooms in trailers and metal bleachers. But the scenery is good, and the amphitheater is ringed by more concessions than your average venue. There also seems to be a relaxed atmosphere at Konocti, where security is as tolerant and friendly — even those guarding the stage — as any in the business. Despite signs out front forbidding cameras, people were repeatedly allowed to bring children up to the stage during the show for snapshots.

In one case Saturday, a security guard actually walked down an aisle and plucked a child and her parent out of their seats, walking them up to the front for a few minutes' worth of a premium view. The relaxed feeling seemed to spark Carter, Urban and Chesney, all of whom practically posed for pictures and interacted with fans during their sets. It's a pretty rare occurrence.

"It's the way we like to do things," Bennett said, mildly acknowledging that rules get bent. "Of course it depends on the artist. It's one of those down-to-earth places where the artists feel down to earth."

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Reviews

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"[TH]E ITALIAN JOB": A life of crime [and] a Mini Cooper is somewhat [imp]ractical, but by the end of this [jaunt]y, funny action flick, you will [pro]bably want to indulge in both. [Mar]k Wahlberg plays the head of a [grou]p of very lovable thieves, in[clu]ding Jason Statham, a winning [Mo]s Def and hilarious Seth Green [as t]he computer geek. We get two [hei]sts for the price of one. During [the] first, a nifty boat chase through [Ven]ice, our boys are double-[cro]ssed by a colleague (Edward [Nor]ton) who makes off with all the [gol]d. A year later, the team is ready [to ta]ke it back. Charlize Theron [play]s a master safecracker with per[son]al reasons for getting involved. [— M.] Pols. (PG-13: violence, some [lan]guage.) 1 hour, 44 minutes. **B+**

"[L']AUBERGE ESPAGNOLE": The [Fre]nch have a history of making [mo]vies about post-adolescents who [are] looking for the meaning of life, [and] this one is worth investigating. [The] hero is Xavier (Romain Duris), a [buttton]ed-up Parisian who leaves his [stea]dy girlfriend (Audrey Tautou) to [go] to Barcelona for a year of gradu[ate] study. His education begins in [ear]nest when he lands at a cramped [flat] occupied by six other college [stu]dents, each from a different Euro[pea]n country. To loosely translate [the] title, it's a Euro pudding, a locale [i]n which Xavier comes to realize [he]'ll get out of it exactly what you [put] in." The film captures the magic [of th]at unfettered time with a mixture [of h]umor and wistfulness, making it [a pl]easure to watch for anyone look[ing] back or forward to the experi[ence] of leaving home for the first [time]. — G. Whipp. (R: French/Span[ish/E]nglish/Catalan/[Dan]ish with English subtitles; lan[gua]ge, sexual content.) 1 hour, 56 [min]utes. **B**

"[MA]N ON THE TRAIN": Two [crag]gy-featured Frenchmen, one [in a] country house with a leaking [roof], and the prospect of both men [swapp]ing lives with each other: These [ele]ments would turn a Hollywood [stu]dio executive's hair white if you [wer]e trying to pitch him the story. In Patrice Leconte's "Man on the [Trai]n," they add up to a thoroughly [eng]aging character drama. Johnny [Hall]yday plays Milan, the man of the […] who steps off a train and enters [a slee]py French village. What does [he w]ant? A retired schoolteacher [name]d Manesquier (Jean Rochefort) [is ab]out to find out. You can't get [eno]ugh of these two guys playing [off e]ach other. They are the words [and] music, the heart and soul of the [pictu]re. And even at the end, when [thin]gs become increasingly hokey [and c]ontrived, there's something [abou]t the spiritual link between [thes]e men that transcends every[thing]. — D. Howe. (R: French with English subtitles; language and some violence.) 1 hour, 30 minutes. **B+**

"MAROONED IN IRAQ": Although this film seems to reference the Baghdad regime's genocidal air and chemical assaults against the Kurdish minority following the 1980s Iran-Iraq War, Kurdish filmmaker Bahman Ghobadi insists that the action takes place following the first Gulf War. Employing mostly amateur actors, the film follows the cockeyed but increasingly symbolic and moving quest of an elderly local singing star, Mirza (Shahab Ebrahimi), and his two adult musician sons. With Saddam's murderers running riot on the other side of the border, thousands of refugees are fleeing east. Along the way, the three men encounter ineffectual authorities, black marketeers, romantic brigands, bandits, hordes of war orphans and a few dedicated caretakers. As the terrain grows less hospitable, the contentious musicians lose just about everything and for each, that presents a possibility for enlightened action that just may snatch personal redemption from the jaws of harrowing atrocity. — B. Strauss. (NR: Kurdish with English subtitles.) 1 hour, 37 minutes. **A**

"THE MATRIX RELOADED": A muddled marathon of special effects that leaves you overstimulated and underwhelmed. This time around, there are more Agent Smiths (many more), more sunglasses, a tour of the last safe haven for man and even some unplugged sex. Along with that comes a TV-style cliffhanger and enough confusion to fuel furious debate in chat rooms until November, when "The Matrix Revolutions," the final installment of the Wachowski brothers' trilogy, will be released. The movie takes itself too seriously, the allegedly deep philosophical meaning feels cobbled together from a freshman seminar, and in the end, this sequel isn't nearly as engaging or innovative as its predecessor. — M. Pols. (R: sci-fi violence and some sexuality.) 2 hours, 18 minutes. **C+**

"A MIGHTY WIND": It's unlikely that Christopher Guest will ever make a truly bad or boring movie, but with his latest, "A Mighty Wind," the bloom feels a tad off the rose of his unique mockumentary style. "Waiting for Guffman" and "Best in Show" made us snort with laughter. This one, a parody of earnest and talentless folk singers from the early 1960s meeting for a reunion show, is funny, but not quite up to snuff. It's formulaic and lacks spontaneity. Also, since when was all folk music so awful? Even in "Spinal Tap," those who disliked heavy metal could get a charge out of the music. But here we get one tedious, insipid song after another. Guest hardly owes us a historical recounting of the folk era, but since he's usually so razor-sharp and inclusive, one wonders what about talents like Joan Baez, Woody Guthrie or Bob Dylan? — M. Pols. (PG-13: sex-related humor.) 1 hour, 37 minutes. **C+**

"NOWHERE IN AFRICA": This Oscar-winning German film is a Holocaust survival story. Based on journalist Stefanie Zweig's memoir, this is one of the better filmed examinations of Europeans in British colonial Kenya. The suffering is, in a historical sense, negligible. Yet the personal impact of the calamity is evoked with a jarring completeness. Three very lucky people get out of Nazi Germany in 1938, several months before things go irreversibly bad for Jews. This movie finds deep psychological insights where most just go hunting for big game. — B. Strauss. (NR: German with English subtitles; sex, nudity, language and racist language and actions.) 2 hours, 18 minutes. **A-**

"OWNING MAHOWNY": Dan Mahowny (Philip Seymour Hoffman), a hard-working Toronto assistant bank manager, lives in a barren apartment and drives a junker car. His trusting girlfriend (Minnie Driver) thinks he's a workaholic, which he is. He's also a compulsive gambler. Eventually, this leads to his skimming money from the bank. Watching the activity from behind the security cameras is Victor Foss (John Hurt), a sharklike casino manager who wants to use Mahowny's cash-flow potential as a link to Las Vegas. Mahowny's no victim, but the institutions he's working — the bank and the casino — aren't brimming over with the milk of human kindness, either. The film is part suspense — when's he going to get caught? — and part personality study. — E. Henerson. (R: language, brief nudity.) 1 hour, 47 minutes. **B-**

"RAISING VICTOR VARGAS": Director Peter Sollett's movie about teenagers on the Lower East Side is a sweet, sassy delight, potent not just with young lust, but with young love. Victor Vargas (Victor Rasuk) goes after Juicy Judy (Judy Marte) the hottest girl in the neighborhood, hoping to prove his manhood. Meanwhile, his best friend courts Judy's best friend, and Judy's younger brother courts Victor's bratty younger sister. The movie flows from the timeline of these romances, but it's just as much about Victor and his siblings' relationship with their grandmother, who is raising them alone. Tender, evocative and blissfully free of the typical Latino gangster stereotypes most movies shove in our faces. — M. Pols. (R: strong language.) 1 hour, 28 minutes. **A-**

"RESPIRO": This fable brought to cinematic life was shot entirely on the Sicilian island of Lampedusa, amid decaying buildings and along those remarkable cliffs and caves. Valeria Golino stars as Grazia, a beautiful, life-embracing mother of three. She is also temperamental, unpredictable and under medication. Her fisherman husband, Pietro, tries to be patient, but gossip is building, and professional help is available in Milan. Of course, you'd need a team of wranglers to pry Grazia off her island. Ultimately, Pietro and the townspeople are forced to take action. This prompts Grazia's son Pasquale to execute a fairly daring maneuver of his own. — E. Henerson. (PG-13: Italian with English subtitles; nudity, mild violence, language.) 1 hour, 35 minutes. **B**

"RUGRATS GO WILD": In this latest animated adventure, the Rugrats get marooned on a desert island, which just happens to be where the Thornberrys, a family of nature adventurers, are seeking a clouded leopard for their latest documentary. As one coincidence begets another, the Rugrats' fearful Chuckie gets mistaken for the Thornberrys' wildchild, Donnie. A knock on the head makes Nigel Thornberry think he's one of the Rugrats. And the Rugrats' bossy Angelica finds a new role model in the Thornberrys' bossy Debbie. Ultimately — surprise! — they are redeemed. It's a far cry from the Rugrats' earlier, more touching films, but younger children should enjoy it. — N. Churnin. (PG: mild, crude humor.) 1 hour, 20 minutes. **C**

"SPELLBOUND": This Academy Award-nominated documentary is ostensibly about the National Spelling Bee, told through the stories of eight kids who made it to the 1999 finals. But that makes it sound so dry, and this is such a passionate and engaging movie. You fall hard for eight very distinct and somewhat peculiar children, and at the same time, are movingly reminded of all the best things about the melting pot and the American dream. Sharp, clever editing enhances the natural tension of the bee, and filmmakers Jeff Blitz and Sean Welch know how to use irony while remaining good-hearted and true to their subjects. — M. Pols. (G) 1 hour, 37 minutes. **A**

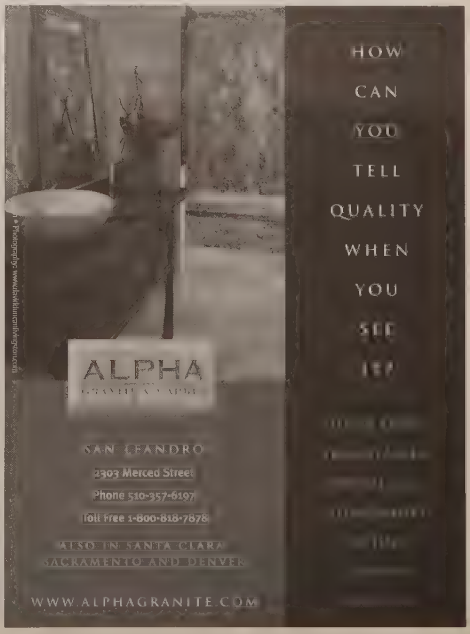
"TOGETHER": The 13-year-old Xiaochun (real-life violin virtuoso Tang Yun) is a natural talent and the pride of his remote village. But once his father (Liu Peiqi) takes him to Beijing for a contest, the boy gradually loses his bearings and the will to compete. Coaching and tugging from the sidelines are his deceptively backward father, a high-class call girl named Lili (Chen Hong) and a pair of music teachers with very different agendas. As it becomes increasingly clear that each adult has some design on the boy, Xiaochun himself becomes more callow. — G. Lovell. (PG: Mandarin with English subtitles; some adult material.) 1 hour, 39 minutes. **B+**

"2 FAST 2 FURIOUS": Whereas the original in this street racing franchise seemed to be aiming to evoke the rebellious, romantic spirit of "West Side Story," this sequel aims for "Miami Vice" and "Starsky & Hutch." It's deliberately cheesy. Or so one hopes. The action has moved to Florida, where Brian (Paul Walker) gets roped into trying to trap an oily crime boss (Cole Hauser). Only a fast car can crack this case? Gimme a break. There's plenty of adrenaline, but the plot is shot through with more holes than Christina Aguilera's favorite awards outfit. Tyrese, stepping into Vin Diesel's shoes, nearly saves the day by being funny and gorgeous. Love interest Eva Mendes models her way through the part. At the dramatic climax, she keeps her hands wedged into her pockets. Why? Her outfit looks better that way. Directed by John Singleton, working below his standard. — M. Pols. (PG-13: street racing, violence, language and some sensuality.) 1 hour, 41 minutes. **C+**

"WINGED MIGRATION": Jacques Perrin's breathtaking documentary of migrating birds transports you to an exalted realm, where nature operates under its own inviolable laws. For much of the movie, filmed over three years using five crews — including 17 pilots and 14 cinematographers — the camera flies alongside, above and below many species of birds as they make their annual round trips. It may sound facetious, but "Winged Migration" provides such an intense vicarious experience of being a flapping airborne creature that you leave the theater feeling like an honorary member of another species. — S. Holden. (G) 1 hour, 39 minutes. **A**

"WRONG TURN": Superhuman, cannibalistic, Appalachian, mutant mountain men are the bad guys in this movie, where it's not the sun making necks red; it's blood. Specifically, the blood of six attractive twentysomethings who stumble into cannibal territory, where they meet the mutants, all of whom have craniofacial issues that would make them excellent "Extreme Makeover" candidates. "Wrong Turn" doesn't come up with anything new, but at least it does a few things well. There's a dandy car crash, a couple of clever camera moves and at least three genuinely startling moments. — C. Hewitt. (R: gory violence, strong language.) 1 hour, 21 minutes. **C-**

"X2: X-MEN UNITED": The cast has expanded to include a few new characters, and the premise — that all the mutants, even evil Magneto (Ian McKellen), need to band together to defend the mutant race — is better than the first movie's. Director Bryan Singer ("The Usual Suspects") lets things go on 20 minutes too long, and Halle Berry, fresh off her Oscar win, gets more play than her humorless performance merits. Still, this sequel is the best kind of action flick around: playful, lively, witty, capable of a surprise or two and emotionally satisfying. — M. Pols. (PG-13: sci-fi action violence, some sexuality and brief language.) 2 hours, 14 minutes. **B**



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Legal Notice

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF CECIL JO RUCKER CASE No. P03-00897

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of CECIL JO RUCKER AND CECILE J. RUCKER

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Theresa Gatlin in the Superior Court of California, County of CONTRA COSTA

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Theresa Gatlin be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the ecedent

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority

A HEARING on the petition will be held on July 7, 2003, 2003 at 9:00 AM in Dept. 61 Room 212 located at 725 Court St. 2nd floor Room 212 in Martinez, CA 94553.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hear-ing and state your objec-tions or file written objec-tions with the court before the hearing. Your appear-ance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for petitioner. Randolph Stein 388 Market St #400 San Francisco, CA. 94111
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Legal Notice

MAY 28, 2003 STEPHEN L. WEIR County Clerk CONTRA COSTA COUNTY By M. OLIVER, Deputy
STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
The following persons have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name MAXIMIZER NUTRITIONALS at 82 Underhill Rd. in Orinda, CA. 94563
The fictitious business name referred to above was filed in Contra Costa County on October 26, 2001 under file number #0007051-00
Michae Vajdy 82 Underhill Rd Orinda, Ca 94563
Mohammad Samimi 1401 Rifle Range Rd. El Cerrito, Ca. 94530
The business was conducted by:a general partnership
/s/ Michael Vajdy
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on the date indicated by file stamp above.
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FILED MAY 13, 2003 STEPHEN L. WEIR, County Clerk CONTRA COSTA COUNTY By R. RAMIREZ, Deputy FILE NO. 2003-4063
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The name of the business: FAR WEST GAMES located at 441 Kearney St. in El Cerrito, CA. 94530 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Darshan Leitze 3255 Kempton Ave. Oakland, CA. 94611 David Murphy 441 Kearney St. El Cerrito, CA. 94530 This business is conducted by: a General Partnership /s/ David Murphy-Co-owner This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa on date indicated by file stamp above. Business commenced on May13, 2003 Expires May 13, 2008 Legal The Journal #1402 Publish June 13, 20, 27, July 4, 2003

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The name of the business: CONSISTENT MAINTENANCE SYSTEMS, INC. is located at 1900 Kettle Rock Ct. in Antioch, CA.; P.O. BOX 3851 Antioch, Ca. 94531 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Consistent Maintenance Systems Inc. State in Incorporation, California This business is conducted by: a corporation /s/ Paul A. Ahola, President This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa on date indicated by file stamp above. Business commenced on May 28, 2003 Expires May 28 2008 Legal The Journal #1426 June 27, July 4, 11, 18, 2003

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FILED MAY 28, 2003 STEPHEN L. WEIR, County Clerk CONTRA COSTA COUNTY By R. RAMIREZ, Deputy FILE NO. 2003-4406
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The name of the business: 1) RADIANT GRACE PRODUCTIONS 2) POINT RICHMOND PRODUCTIONS is located at 1728 Shasta Street in Richmond, CA. 94804 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Douglas Matthew Stelmach Frey 1728 Shasta St. Richmond, CA. 94804 This business is conducted by: an individual /s/ Douglas Fry This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa on date indicated by file stamp above. Business commenced on May 28, 2003 Expires May 28 2008 Legal The Journal #1425 Publish June 27, July 4, 11, 18, 2003

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The name of the business: KAO SARN THAI CUISINE is located at 130 Washington Ave. in Richmond, CA. 94801 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Vorapoj Phoonpirom 151 Schooner Court Richmond, CA. 94804 Boonyalak Viboonlarp 151 Schooner Court Richmond, CA. 94804 This business is conducted by: husband and wife /s/ Boonyalak Viboonlarp /s/ Vorapoj Phoonpirom This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa on date indicated by file stamp above. Business commenced on May 19, 2003 Expires May 19, 2008 Legal The Journal #1421 Publish June 20, 27, July 4, 11, 2003

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The name of the business: MURRAY AND ASSOCIATES is located at 412 Kingsford Dr. in Moraga, CA 94556 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Patrick G. Murray 412 Kingsford Dr. Moraga, Ca. 94556 Deborah C. Murray 412 Kingsford Moraga, CA 94556 This business is conducted by: husband and wife /s/ Deborah C. Murray This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa on date indicated by file stamp above. Business commenced on May 29, 2003 Expires May 29 2008 Legal The Journal #1428 Publish June 27, July 4, 11, 18, 2003

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The name of the business: SULLIVAN'S APPRAISALS is located at 2163 Meeker Ave. #200 in Richmond, CA. 94804 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Kenya Sullivan 1601 Akazar Ct. Suisun, CA. 94585 This business is conducted by: an individual /s/ Kenya Sullivan This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa on date indicated by file stamp above. Business commenced on May 28, 2003 Expires May 28 2008 Legal The Journal #1424 Publish June 27, July 4, 11, 18, 2003

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The name of the business: ORGANIC-CHOICE CARPET CLEANING is located at 1225 Richmond St. in El Cerrito, CA. 94530 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): David Skuse 724 Ashbury Ave. El Cerrito, CA. 94530 This business is conducted by: an individual /s/ David Skuse This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa on date indicated by file stamp above. Business commenced on May 30, 2003 Expires May 30, 2008 Legal The Journal #1417 Publish June 20, 27, July 4, 11, 2003

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The name of the business: HI COUNTRY PRODUCE located at 4927 Appian Way in El Sobrante, CA. 94803 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Suresh K. Puri 1501 Decoto Rd. #276 Union City, CA. 94587 This business is conducted by: an individual /s/ Suresh K. Puri This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa on date indicated by file stamp above. Business commenced on May 22, 2003 Expires May 22, 2008 Legal The Journal #1408 Publish June 13, 20, 27, July 4, 2003

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The name of the business: EMILY MARKS DESIGNS AND SERVICE- EMD&S is located at 8 Marchant in Kensington, CA. 94707 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Emily Marks 8 Marchant Court Kensington, CA. 94707 This business is conducted by: an individual /s/ Emily Marks This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa on date indicated by file stamp above. Business commenced on June 10, 2003 Expires June 10, 2008 Legal BV/JL #1431 July 4, 11, 18, 25. 2003

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The name of the business: GASCO INC is located at 3753 San Pablo Dam Rd. in El Solbrante, CA. 94803 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Gasco Inc. **State** of incorporation California This business is conducted by: a corporation /s/ Hakam S. Mission This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa on date indicated by file stamp above. Business commenced on May 23, 2003 Expires May 23, 2008 Legal The Journal #1416 Publish June 20, 27, July 4, 11, 2003

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The name of the business: MOTOSOLUTIONS located at 131 Village Ct Suite 3 in Walnut Creek, CA. 94596 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Gene Menzies 131 Village Ct #3 Walnut Creek, CA 94596 This business is conducted by: an individual /s/ Gene Menzies This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa on date indicated by file stamp above. Business commenced on May 19, 2003 Expires May 19, 2008 Legal The Journal #1406 Publish June 13, 20, 27, July 4, 2003

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The name of the business: ELG HOME ARTS located at 1390 Creekside Dr. #42 in Walnut Creek, CA. 94596 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Evan Goldstein 1390 Creekside Dr. #42 Walnut Creek, CA. 94596 This business is conducted by: an individual /s/ Evan Goldstein This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa on date indicated by file stamp above. Business commenced on May 15, 2003 Expires May 15, 2008 Legal The Journal #1404 Publish June 13, 20, 27, July 4, 2003

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SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL)

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: (Aviso a Acusado) NAMES - JILL MEDEIROS RANES and DOES 1-25

YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: (A Ud. le esta demandando) NAMES - NANCY KUO; SANDY QUACH

CASE NUMBER: (Numero del Caso): NUMBER - 02-72273

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this Summons is served on you to file a typewritten response at this court.

A letter or phone call will not protect you; your typewritten response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case.

If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case, and your wages, money and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may call an attorney referral service or a legal aid office (listed in the phone book).

Despues de que le entreguen esta citacion judicial usted tiene un plazo de 30 DIAS CALENDARIOS par presentar una respuesta escrita a maquina en esta corte.
Una carta o una llamada telefonica no le ofrecera proteccion; su respuesta escrita a maquina tiene que cumplir con las formalidades legales apropiadas si usted quiere que la corte escuche su caso.
Si usted no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso, y le pueden quitar su salario, su dinero y otras cosas de su propiedad sin aviso adicional por parte de la corte.
Existen otros requisitos legales. Puede que usted quiera llamar a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de referencia de abogados o a una oficina de ayuda legal (vea el directorio telefonico).

The name and address of the court is: (El nombre y direccion de la corte es)

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF ALAMEDA LIMITED CIVIL JURISDICTION 600 Washington St. Oakland, CA. 94607

The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is: (El nombre, la direccion y el numero de telefono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es) Law Office of David A. Krausz 2740 Van Ness Ave. Suite 300 San Francisco, CA. 94109 415-567-5000
Date (Fecha) November 8, 2002
Arthur Sims Executive Officer/ Clerk of the Superior Court
Clerk (Actuario) By xxxxxx Deputy (Delegado)
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Harold Richard Morlock 3013 Keith Drive Richmond, CA. 94803
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA 725 Court Street P.O. Box 911 Martinez, CA 94553
PETITION OF: Harold Richard Morlock FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. N03-0825
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
1. Petitioner: Harold Richard Morlock has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present Name) Harold Richard O'Neil to (Proposed Name) Harold Richard Morlock
2. THE COURT ORDERS: (a) All people interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.
NOTICE OF HEARING
a. Date: August 04, 2003, Time: 3:24pm, Dept.: 60, Room: 215, located at 725 Court Street, Martinez, CA 94553.
(b) A copy of this order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this County: The El Cerrito Journal
Dated: June 9, 2003 JUDITH A. SANDERS JUDGE PRO TEM OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
Legal The Journal #1420 Publish June 20, 27, July 4, 11, 2003.

Ariana Ramirez 1943 Regello Ct. San Pablo, CA. 94806
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA 725 Court Street P.O. Box 911 Martinez, CA 94553
PETITION OF: ARIANA RAMIREZ FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. N03-07925
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
1. Petitioner: Ariana Ramirez Cuevas has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present Name) Ariana Ramirez Cuevas to (Proposed Name) Ariana Ramirez
2. THE COURT ORDERS: (a) All people interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.
NOTICE OF HEARING
a. Date: August 12, 2003, Time: 3:24pm, Dept.: 60, Room: 215, located at 725 Court Street, Martinez, CA 94553.
(b) A copy of this order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this County: The El Cerrito Journal
Dated: May 16, 2003 JUDITH A. SANDERS JUDGE PRO TEM OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
Legal The Journal #1429 Publish July 4, 11, 18, 25, 2003.

Gina Lu 3650 Park Ridge Drive Richmond, CA. 94806
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA 725 Court Street P.O. Box 911 Martinez, CA 94553
PETITION OF: GINA LU FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. N03-0866
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
1. Petitioner: GINA LU has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present Name) CHIA-HUA LEE to (Proposed Name) ALICE LU
2. THE COURT ORDERS: (a) All people interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.
NOTICE OF HEARING
a. Date: August 18, 2003, Time: 3:24pm, Dept.: 60, Room: 215, located at 725 Court Street, Martinez, CA 94553.
(b) A copy of this order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this County: The El Cerrito Journal
Notice to biological father waived.
Dated: June 20, 2003 JUDITH A. SANDERS JUDGE PRO TEM OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
Legal The Journal #1432 Publish July 4, 11, 18, 25, 2003.

Veronica N. Panella 11100 San Pablo Ave. #212 El Cerrito, CA. 94530
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA 725 Court Street P.O. Box 911 Martinez, CA 94553
PETITION OF: JEFFREY V. WARD FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. N03-0764
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
1. Petitioner: Jeffrey V. Ward, has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present Name) Jeffrey V. Ward to (Proposed Name) Jeffrey Von Ward
2. THE COURT ORDERS: (a) All people interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.
NOTICE OF HEARING
a. Date: July 31, 2003, Time: 3:24pm, Dept.: 60, Room: 215, located at 725 Court Street, Martinez, CA 94553.
(b) A copy of this order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this County: The El Cerrito Journal
Dated: May 28, 2003 JUDITH A. SANDERS JUDGE PRO TEM OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
Legal The Journal #1411 Publish June 20, 27, July 4, 11, 2003.

Ronald K. Creighton Attorney at Law 22762 Main St. Hayward, CA. 94541-5114 Attorney for Regina Todd
Superior Court of California County of Alameda 1221 Oak Street Oakland, CA. 94612
Estate of: EULA MAE JONES Decedent
NOTICE OF HEARING (Probate)
CASE NUMBER: 256228-7
THIS NOTICE IS REQUIRED BY LAW. THIS NOTICE DOES NOT REQUIRE YOU TO APPEAR IN COURT, BUT YOU MAY ATTEND THE HEARING IF YOU WISH.
1. NOTICE is given that: REGINA TODD, Administrators, has filed a Report of Sale and Petition for Order Confirming Sale of Real Property. commerly known as 1439 Dwight Way, Berkeley, CA. 94702
2. You may refer to the filed documents for further particulars. (All of the case documents filed with the court are available for examination in the case file kept by the court clerk.
3. A HEARING on the matter will be held as follows: Date: July 23, 2003 Time: 9:30AM, Dept: 23, Room: xxx
Address of court shown above is: 1221 Oak Street, Oakland, CA. 94612
Legal BV/JL #0958 Publish July 4, 11, 18, 2003

Legal Notice

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No. 02-60068-RT-CAA Loan No. INGELUND-A YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 03/20/2002. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check(s) (must be made payable to National Default Servicing Corporation) drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state; will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made in an "as is" condition, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may change on the day of sale. Trustor: LAURA INGELUND, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN Duly Appointed Trustee: NATIONAL DEFAULT SERVICING CORPORATION Recorded 04/04/2002 as Instrument No. 2002-0117613-00 and on 04/03/2002 2002147647 in Alameda of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of CONTRA COSTA County, California. Date and Place of Sales: 07/16/2003 at 10:00 A.M. at the Court Street entrance to the County Courthouse, 725 Court Street (Corner of Main and Court Street), Martinez, CA, then continued to 07/18/2003 at 12:30 P.M. at the Fallon Street entrance to the County Courthouse, 1225 Fallon Street, Oakland, CA. Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: $197,962.53 Street Address or other com-mon designation of real prop-erty: THERE ARE TWO (2) PROPERTIES STANDING AS SECURITY FOR THE NOTE: 235 CAMBRIDGE AVENUE, KENSINGTON, CA 94708 (CONTRA COSTA COUNTY); AND 1770 LA LOMA AVENUE, BERKELEY, CA 94709 (ALA-MEDA COUNTY). ***NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS*** THE SALE IN CONTRA COSTA COUNTY IS TO BE HELD ON: 07/16/2003 at 10:00 A.M. PLACE OF SALE: At the Court Street entrance to the County Courthouse, 725 Court Street (Corner of Main and Court Street), Martinez, CA THE SALE ON 07/16/03 WILL ONLY BE FOR THE PROPERTY IN CONTRA COSTA COUNTY. IN THE EVENT THAT THERE IS AN UNDERBID AND THE SALE OF THE CONTRA COSTA PROPERTY DOES NOT SATISFY THE AMOUNTS OWING TO THE BENEFICI-ARY, A CONTINUED SALE OF THE ALAMEDA COUNTY PROPERTY WILL BE CON-DUCTED ON 07/18/2003 at 12:30 P.M. PLACE OF SALE: At the Fallon Street entrance to the County Courthouse, 1225 Fallon Street, Oakland, CA. A.P.N.: 570-031-013-8 (Alameda County) 058-2205-006 (Contra Costa County) The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the loca-tion of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. Date: JUN 20 2003 NATIONAL DEFAULT SER-VICING CORPORATION 3030 N. CENTRAL AVENUE, STE. 250 PHOENIX, AZ. 85012 Sales Line 916-387-7728 JULIE MCGREW, TRUSTEE SALES MANAGER ASAP544342 Publish Berkeley Voice Jun. 27, Jul. 4, 11 Legal Berkeley Voice #0955 Publish June 27, July 4, 11, 2003

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. 03?01296 Loan No. 495009673 Title Order No. 1670317 APN 524?110?027?9 FHA # 042-777195703 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 03/01/02. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On July 17, 2003, at 01:30 PM, ARM FINANCIAL CORPORATION as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded on 04/01/02 Instrument 2002?0112487?00, Book , Page of Official Records in the Office of the Recorder of CONTRA COSTA County, California, executed by: PILAR RUIZ, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN, EVELYN CHONG, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN AND VANESSA NAVARRO, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN, as Trustor, UNION PLANTERS BANK, NA., as Beneficiary. WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States, by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state). At: AT THE COURT STREET ENTRANCE TO THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE AT 725 COURT STREET, (CORNER OF MAIN & COURT STREETS), MARTINEZ, CA, all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County, California describing the land therein: Lot 30 and the South 6 Feet Right Angle Measurements of Lot 31 Block 11 Map of Richmond City Center Filed March 11, 1913 Map Book 9 Page 214 Contra Costa County Records. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 838 29TH STREET, RICHMOND, CA 94804. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: $278,412.99 (Estimated) Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation. Date: 06/27/03, ARM FINANCIAL CORPORATION, P.O. Box 85309, San Diego, CA 92186-5309, Sales Information (916) 974-6099, General Information (858) 689-9735 TAMU BROWN, ASSISTANT SECRETARY NPP0103865 06/27/03, 07/04/03, 07/11/03 CNS- 552071# Legal The Journal #1423 Publish June 27, July 4, 11, 2003

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No.: 20039073501005 Loan No.: 1506588756 FHA/VA/MI No.: 042-7273840 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 03/26/98 UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 07/11/03 at 10:00AM LoanStar Mortgagee Services, L.L.C., as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 04/03/98, as Instrument No. 98-0071630-00, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Contra Costa County, State of California. Executed by LATIFAH SAHIB, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN Will Sell at Public Auction to Highest Bidder for Cash, Cashier's check/Cash equivalent or other form of payment authorized by 2924h(b), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States) AT THE COURT STREET ENTRANCE TO THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 725 COURT STREET, (CORNER OF MAIN AND COURT STREET), MARTINEZ, CA All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: As more fully described in the above mentioned Deed of Trust. APN #534-031-013-4 The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 821 LUCAS AVENUE, RICHMOND, CA, 94801 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: $96236.21 The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. Date: Jun 18, 2003 First American Lenders Advantage, LoanStar Mortgagee Services, L.L.C., 3 First American Way, Santa Ana, CA 92707 DeeAnn Gregory, Authorized Signature LoanStar Mortgagee Services, L.L.C. 15000 Surveyor Boulevard, Suite 250, Addison, Texas 75001. For Trustee's Sale information please call 916-387-7728 LoanStar Mortgagee Services, L.L.C. is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose 06/20/03, 06/27/03, 07/04/03 CNS- 546780# Legal The Journal #1401 Publsih June 20, 27, July 4, 2003.

OSTAC NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No: F328192 Unit Code: F Loan No: 7002995491/REYNOLDS AP No: 503-312-030-3 ALTA REAL ESTATE SERVICES INC., as duly appointed Trustee under the following described Deed of Trust WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (in the forms which are lawful tender in the United States) and/or the cashier's, certified or other checks specified in Civil Code Section 2924h (payable in full at the time of sale to T.D. Service Company) all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property hereinafter described: Trustor: MICHAEL C. REYNOLDS Recorded April 30, 1999 as Instr. No. 99 0116792-00 in Book --- Page --- of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of CONTRA COSTA County, pursuant to the Notice of Default and Election to Sell thereunder recorded March 5, 2003 as Instr. No. 2003-0102093-00 in Book --- Page --- of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of CONTRA COSTA County; YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED APRIL 21, 1999. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. 800 GALVIN DRIVE, EL CERRITO, CA 94530 (If a street address or common designation of property is shown above, no warranty is given as to its completeness or correctness). Said Sale of property will be made in as is condition without convenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest as in said note provided, advances, if any, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. Said sale will be held on: JULY 10, 2003, AT 1:30 P.M. *AT THE COURT STREET ENTRANCE TO THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 725 COURT STREET (CORNER OF MAIN & COURT STREETS) MARTINEZ, CA At the time of the initial publication of this notice, the total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the above described Deed of Trust and estimated costs, expenses, and advances is $56,205.55 It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. Date: June 6, 2003 ALTA REAL ESTATE SERVICES INC., as said Trustee, by T.D. Service Company, as agent FRANCES DEPALMA, ASSISTANT SECRETARY T.D. SERVICE COMPANY 1820 E. FIRST ST., SUITE 210, P.O. BOX 11988 SANTA ANA, CA 92711-1988 714/543-8372 We are assisting the Beneficiary to collect a debt and any information we obtain will be used for that purpose whether received orally or in writing If available, the expected opening bid and/or postponement information may be obtained by calling the following telephone number(s) on the day before the sale: 714/480-5690 TAC# 486542C PUB: 6/20/03, 6/27/03, 7/04/03 Legal The Journal #1400 Publish June 20, 27, July 4, 2003

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No. FID-03-03195-PB-A Loan No. 0100928779 You are in default under a Deed of Trust dated 2/22/2002. Unless you take action to protect your property, it may be sold at a public sale. If you need an explanation of the nature of the proceeding against you, you should contact a lawyer. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust de-scribed below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: Solomon Wilson an unmarried man Duly Appointed Trustee: Fidelity National Foreclosure Solutions By: 3 Arch Trustee Services, Inc., as attorney-in-fact Recorded 3/1/2002 as Instrument No. 2002095569 in book , page -- of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Alameda County, California, Date of Sale: 7/10/2003 at 12:30 PM Place of Sale: At the Fallon Street entrance to the County Courthouse, 1225 Fallon Street Oakland, California The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: $323,906.53 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 3215 California St Berkeley, CA 94703 A.P.N.: 052-1535-017 The under-signed Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designa-tion, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designa-tion is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. Fidelity National Foreclosure Solutions By: 3 Arch Trustee Services, Inc., as attor-ney-in-fact 19732 MacArthur Blvd., Suite 100 Irvine, California 92612 (949) 955-1887 Sale Line: (916) 387-7728 Amy Lemus, Trustee Sale Officer Date: 6/20/2003 ASAP543144 Publish Berkeley Voice 6/20, 06/27, 07/04 Legal Berkeley Voice #0952 Publish June 20, 27, July 4, 2003

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No.: 20039077400154 Loan No.: 6299923117 FHA/VA/PMI NO.: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 08/08/2001 UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 07/11/2003 at 1:30 P.M., LOANSTAR MORTGAGEE SERVICES, L.L.C., as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 08/16/2001, as Instrument No. 2001-0243316-00, in book, page, of Official Records in the Office of the County Recorder of Contra Costa County, State of California. Executed by: Ernesto A. Sosa, and Sonia Y. Sosa will sell at public auction to highest bidder for cash, cashier's check / cash equivalent or other form of payment authorized by 2924h(b). (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States) At the Court Street Entrance to the County Courthouse, 725 Court Street, Martinez, CA. All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: as more fully described in the above mentioned Deed of Trust APN# 534-192-004-8. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 720 Elm Avenue, Richmond, California 94801. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s), secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is $150,757.73. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. First American Lenders Advantage Loanstar Mortgagee Services, L.L.C. 3 First American Way Santa Ana, CA 92707 Dated 06/15/2003 Authorized Signature: DeeAnn Gregory For Trustee's Sale Information Please call 619-590-1221 LoanStar Mortgagee Services, L.L.C. is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 06/20/03, 06/27/03, 07/04/03 R-96415 CNS- 550407# Legal The Journal #1410 Publish June 20, 27, July 4, 2003

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T S. No. FID-03-03267-PB-A Loan No. 0002151995 You are in default under a Deed of Trust dated 5/15/2002. Unless you take action to protect your property, it may be sold at a public sale. If you need an explanation of the nature of the proceeding against you, you should contact a lawyer. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: Philip A. Combs a single man Duly Appointed Trustee: Fidelity National Foreclosure Solutions By: 3 Arch Trustee Services, Inc., as atorney-in-fact Recorded 5/28/2002 as Instrument No. 2002233387 in book --, page -- of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Alameda County, California, Date of Sale: 7/17/2003 at 12:30 PM Place of Sale: At the Fallon Street entrance to the County Courthouse, 1225 Fallon Street Oakland, California The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: $241,536.22 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 1730 7th Street Berkeley, CA 94710 A.P.N.: 058-2119-014 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. Fidelity National Foreclosure Solutions By: 3 Arch Trustee Services, Inc., as atorney-in-fact 19732 MacArthur Blvd., Suite 100 Irvine, California 92612 (949) 955-1887 Sale Line: (916) 387-7728 Amy Lemus, Trustee Sale Officer Date: 6/27/2003 ASAP544538 Publish Berkeley Voice 6/27, 7/4, 7/11, 2003

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No. 02-LL4285-A APN: 426-342-085-5 You are in default under a Notice of Delinquent Assessment dated 1/15/2003. Unless you take action to protect your property, it may be sold at a public sale. If you need an explanation of the nature of the proceedings against you, you should contact a lawyer. On 7/18/2003 at 10:00 AM, Allied Trustee Services, Inc. As the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Notice of Delinquent Assessment, recorded on 1/22/2003 as Document No. 2003-0032053-00 Book -- Page -- of Official Records in the Office of the Recorder of Contra Costa County, California, property owned by: Dawn Mitchell will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States, by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan associa-tion, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state.) at: The Court Street entrance to the County Courthouse, 725 Court Street (corner of Main and Court Street),Martinez, CA all right, title and interest under said Notice of Delinquent Assessment in the property situated in said County, describing the land therein: A.P.N.: 426-342-085-5 The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 32 Greenview Lane Richmond, CA 94803 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incor-rectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum due under said Notice of Delinquent Assessment, with interest thereon, as provided in said notice, advances, if any, estimated fees, charges, and expenses of the Trustee, to-wit: $2,671.07 Estimated Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale The claimant, Hilltop Green Homeowners Associa-tion under said Notice of Delinquent Assessment heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation. Date: June 05, 2003 Allied Trustee Services, Inc, 2270 Douglas Boulevard, #112, Roseville, California 95661 For Sales Information Please Call 916-387-7728 Luci L. Hightower, Trustee's Sale Officer ASAP543497 06/27, 07/04, 07/11 Legal The Journal #1422 Publish June 27, July 4, 11, 2003.

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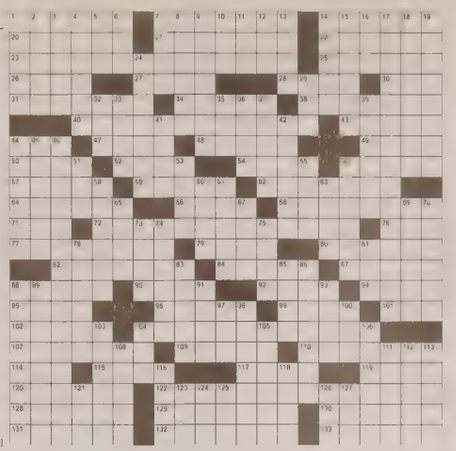

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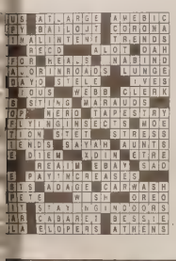
RA THEATRE COMPANY — ese Raquin," by Emil Zola, gh July 27. Zola's adaptation of ovel set in the 19th century, in a young married woman conh with her lover, a man from her to murder her husband. This sinplot sets a chain of events into n that leads to a nightmarish usion.



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BERKELEY REPERTORY THEATRE — "The Guys" by Anne Nelson, closing July 5. The 9/11-inspired drama finds Nick, a New York City fire captain, silenced by grief over the loss of his colleagues and friends. When he is asked to write eulogies for his "guys," he discovers he cannot do it. He meets Joan, an editor who will help him, and in turn they both learn to deal with their grief. The two-person show has rotating actors in it. Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 8 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.; July 5, 2 p.m.; NO PERFORMANCE JULY 4. $10 to $54. Through July 5: Wanda De Jesus and Jimmy Smits star.
2025 Addison St., Berkeley. 510-647-2949, (888) 4BRTTix or www.berkeleyrep.org

CALIFORNIA SHAKESPEARE THEATRE — "Arms and the Man" by George Bernard Shaw, July 5 through July 27. Shaw's most popular play is a comedic tale of misbegotten love triangles, ambitious patriotism, and mistaken identity.
"Shake it Out," July 11, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. A chance for gay and lesbian theatergoers to meet and mingle with company members. A performance of "Arms and the Man," will follow. $37 to $43
$25 to $49 general; $24 to $49 seniors; $13 to $49 youth ages 4 to 16. Tuesday through Thursday, 7:30 p.m.; Friday, 8 p.m.; Saturday, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.; Sunday, 4 p.m. Bruns Memorial Amphitheater, Highway 24, Shakespeare Festival Way/Gateway Exit, Orinda. Free shuttle from the Orinda Bart Station. (510)548-9666 or www.calshakes.org

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matchmaker, courts curmudgeonly country bachelor Horace Vandergelder. Meanwhile, Vandergelder's two young clerks sneak away to the big city searching for some adventure and romance of their own.
$19 general; $17 seniors; $15 students; $12 children ages 12 and under. Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m.; July 27, 8 p.m. Alan Harvey Theater, Piedmont High School, 800 Magnolia Ave., Piedmont. (925) 798-1300.
SAN FRANCISCO MIME TROUPE — July 4 through Sept. 1. In their 42nd season, the troupe will be performing free in Bay Area parks and indoor venues across Northern California. They are presenting their new satirical musical action adventure, "Veronique of the Mounties," which addresses themes of militarism and empire.
July 12 and July 13, 1:30 p.m.: Performance and live music. At Cedar Rose Park, 1300 Rose St., Berkeley.
Free. For more information, call (415) 285-1717 or www.sfmt.org.

POPULAR MUSIC

ASHKENAZ — Tropical Vibrations, Harry Best and Shabang, July 4, 9 p.m. $13.
Vince Black with Root Awakening, July 5, 9:30 p.m. $13.
Teka, July 6, 7:30 p.m. $12.
Bandworks, July 7, 7:30 p.m. $4.
Grupa Maistori, July 8, 9 p.m. Dance lessons at 7:30 p.m. $11.
Atash, Shabaz, July 9, 9 p.m. $11.
Bandworks, July 10, 7:30 p.m. $4.
Steve Lucky and the Rhumba Bums with Ms. Carmen Getit, Lavay Smith and Her Red Hot Skillet Lickers, July 11, 9:30 p.m. $17.
The Lafleur et Basile Band, The Creole Belles, July 12, 9 p.m. Dance lessons at 8 p.m. $14.
1317 San Pablo Avenue, Berkeley. (510)525-5055 or www.ashkenaz.com
BECKETT'S IRISH PUB — Seventy, July 4.
Nicole McRory, July 5, July 9, and July 12.
Ponticello, July 10.
Sterling Dervish, July 11.
Free. For ages 21 and older. Music at 9:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 2271 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. (510)647-1790 or www.beckettsirishpub.com
BLAKE'S ON TELEGRAPH — Illa-Dapted, Soul Rebels, The Ugly Percent, July 4. $6.
Lavish Green, Free For Sale, July 5. $5.
The Storytellahs, Eugene, Soular, July 6. $3.
All Star Jam featuring The Steve Gannon Band and Mz. Dee, July 7. $4.
Spank, July 10. $5.
Solemite, KGB, July 11. $7.
Wig Salad, Naresh, July 12. $6.
Five Year Space Effort, Moziac, Feral Moan, July 13. $3
For ages 18 and older. Music at 9:30 p.m. 2367 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley. 510-848-0886 or www.blakesontelegraph.com
CATO'S ALE HOUSE — Saul Kaye Trio, July 6.
Irish Session with Brian Theriault, July 9.
Jose Roberto y Sus Amigos, July 12.
Ho' Down Trio, July 13.
Free. Wednesday from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. 3891 Piedmont Ave., Oakland. 510-655-3349 or www.mrcato.com
DOWNTOWN — Mimi Fox Trio, July 4.
Collective Amnesia, July 5.
Mimi Fox Solo Guitar, July 8.
Jules Broussard and Ned Boynton, July 9.
Keni El Lebrijano Flamenco Guitar, July 10.
Kim Nalley, July 11.
Vince Lateano, July 12.
Free. Tuesday through Thursday at 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at 9:30 p.m. 2102 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-649-3810 or www.downtownrestaurant.com
FREIGHT AND SALVAGE — Peter Rowan, True Blue, Earl Brothers, July 5. $18.50 to $19.50.
All Strings Considered, July 8. $15.50 to $16.50.
Chris and Cassie Webster with Scott Nygaard, July 9. $15.50 to $16.50.
Trailer Park Troubadours, July 10. $15.50 to $16.50.
Blame Sally, July 11. $15.50 to $16.50.
Alex de Grassi, July 12. $16.50 to $17.50.
Carol Elizabeth Jones and Laurel Bliss, July 13. $15.50 to $16.50.
Music starts at 8 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 1111 Addison St., Berkeley. 510-548-1761 or 510-762-BASS or www.freightandsalvage.org
JACK LONDON SQUARE — "Fourth of July Fireworks and the Oakland East Bay Symphony," July 4, noon to 7 p.m. Featuring Ledisi, Rendezvous, and the Oakland East Bay Symphony, Michael Morgan conducting. There will also be family and children's activities including games, giveaways, sweepstakes, food, and arts and crafts booths.
Free. Jack London Square, foot of Broadway, Oakland. 510-814-6000 or www.jacklondonsquare.com
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Chus Alonso's Pontigue Ensemble, July 10, 8 p.m. $10 to $12.
Rafael Manriquez, July 11, 8 p.m. $10.
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3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-849-2568 or www.lapena.org
MCGRATH'S IRISH PUB — "Sea Chanteys and Songs of the Waterways," Tuesday, 8 p.m.
Free. 1539 Lincoln Ave., Alameda. (510)552-6263 or www.mcgrathspub.com
924 GILMAN ST. — S.T.F.U., Crucial Unit, Dead Fall, Death from Above, Strung Up, July 4.
Cost, From Monument to Masses, Red Light Sting, 1905, Cinema Eye, July 5.
Shotwell, Grabass Charlestons, Billy Reese Peters, Tiltwheel, July 11.
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QUINN'S LIGHTHOUSE — The Starboard Watch featuring Skip Henderson, Thursday, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m.
Free. 51 Embarcadero Cove, Oakland. (510)536-2050.
THE STARRY PLOUGH PUB — Six-FourTwo, My Hero, July 4. $5.
Pernice Brothers, Warren Zanes, Heavenly States, July 5. $10.
The Starry Irish Music Session with Shay Black, July 6.
Leslie Helpert, Reorchestra, July 10. $5.
Jessica Lurie Ensemble, Crater, Japonize Elephants, July 11. $7.
Pocket, 7th Direction, Spindrift, July 12. $6.
For ages 21 and over unless otherwise noted. Sunday and Wednesday, 8 p.m.; Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 9:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 3101 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-841-2082.
YOSHI'S — Diane Schuur, through July 6. $18 to $22.
Ann Dyer, July 7. $7 to $14.
The Slip, July 8. $7 to $14.
Jessica Williams Trio, July 9 and July 10. Featuring Ray Drummond and Victor Lewis. $10 to $20.
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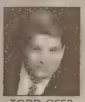
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MICHELLE KREBS
She's Freewheeling

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MOTOR MATTERS

ere's something about travel- a car that makes people talk. ke total strangers spilling their o you in an airplane, or a pa- eiling all on the therapist's h.

e discovered this diarrhea of outh in my job as an auto- e journalist. On test-drives, alists pair up for the day, often one of traveling several hun- miles.

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ide the cocoon of the vehicle, hare our dreams, our disap- ments and our transgressions. deed, one colleague calls me keeper of secrets." Through ourse of the drive, we build a , a friendship that lasts a life-

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MOTOR MATTERS

SUBARU ADDS TURBO power to its 2004 Forester all-wheel drive crossover SUV, making it both exciting to drive and practical.

Subaru launches turbocharged Forester 2.5 XT

CONNIE KEANE
Keane on Wheels

MOTOR MATTERS

For anyone who thought that a Subaru was a high functioning, practical wagon — but not very exciting — think again. Think: turbocharged high performance.

The 2004 Subaru Forester 2.5 XT is a turbocharged all-wheel drive crossover sport utility vehicle that is both exciting and practical.

The new Forester XT is one of three 2004 models built with a turbocharged engine, designed to satisfy drivers hungry for rally race car horsepower.

Subaru's two other high performance 2004 vehicles are the Impreza WRX STi and the Baja Turbo.

The Forester 2.5 XT starts at $24,970 with the standard-equipped five-speed manual transmission. My tester was the top-of-the-line 2.5 XT with the optional Premium Package priced at $28,070.

This package featured a four-speed automatic transmission, a power moonroof and leather upholstery. I liked the "supersized" version of the moonroof; it was extra long, allowing air and light to reach the second-row passengers.

The Forester 2.5 XT has lots of get-up-and-go attitude. With a turbocharger under its hood, the 2.5-liter four-cylinder engine produces 210 horsepower at 5,600 rpm.

But the most important feature about the turbo engine is the torque rating: it generates 235 pounds-foot of torque at 3,600 rpm, giving the Forester excellent qualities for highway passing.

The turbocharger also performs better than normally aspirated engines especially at high mountain altitudes. Subaru says the 2.5 XT has 42 percent more torque than the other Forester models.

The lineup also includes the normally aspirated, 165-horsepower, four-cylinder Forester 2.5 X and 2.5 XS.

The 2.5 XT is distinguished from the other Forester models with unique exterior styling cues. It has a hood scoop that allows fresh air intake to reach the turbocharger's intercooler which is mounted onto the engine.

The roof rails have a natural aluminum finish, the side cladding is body-colored, the 16-inch tires are accentuated with raised lettering and six-spoke alloy wheels, and the rear end features a chrome tailpipe

The Forester's interior is standard equipped with a black flat-woven seating upholstery with cloth trim along the side bolsters, plus a leather-trimmed steering wheel, shift knob and parking brake handle.

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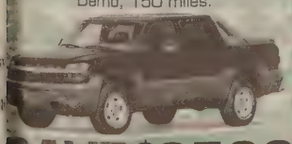

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Dual purpose 2003 Jeep Liberty Sport: Off-road done rig

MOTOR MATTERS

DAN LYONS
Get Off the Road

JEEP LIBERTY is mid-size SUV that is designed to go off-road with "stiffe platform" Jeep has ever built.

These days, most SUVs are sheep in wolves clothing. They may dress like a mountain goat, but they drive more like a mall rat.

It's no secret that more and more sport utilities are less and less worthy of off-roading. From a marketing perspective it makes sense, since most people don't care if they ever venture off road. However, if you do care, I've got two words for you: Jeep Liberty.

All new in 2002, Liberty is a mid-size SUV with a dual purpose. Liberty aims to offer on-road comfort and true, off-road capability. It's built for the job with a stout, ladder-frame chassis.

Check the off-road group on the option list ($765) and you pick up skid plates to protect the powertrain, front suspension, fuel tank and transfer case. The "dirt" package also includes a heavy-duty cooling system, tow hooks, a locking differential and a set of dual use, all-terrain tires.

Jeep claims that the Liberty's platform is the stiffest it has ever designed. Aided by the rigid chassis, the suspension (coil spring front, link-coil rear) has over 8.0 inches of travel, ideal for soaking up extreme terrain.

The 4x4 versions have 6.4 inches of ground clearance at the front axle, 7.9 inches in back, with approach and departure angles of 36.0 and 31.5 degrees respectively.

Liberty can be had in rear-wheel drive or a choice of two four-wheel drive systems. While both Command-Trac and Select-Trac offer low-range gearing, the former must be disengaged when you switch to dry pavement.

My Liberty Sport tester had the Select-Trac system, a $395 option. A pull-up lever situated on the center console is used to switch to 2WD, 4WD part-time, 4WD full-time and 4WD low range.

On the trail, the Liberty tester proves sure-footed and stable. The flexible suspension steps over obstacles easily. It ranks with the top of the mid-size sport utility class, when it comes to off-roading.

On road, Liberty's ride and handling are a shade rougher than car-based contemporaries, though not harsh. For 2003, Jeep lowered Liberty's suspension by about an inch in the interest of improving cornering stability.

Also revised this model year is the braking system. Now, discs on all four corners are standard, though four-wheel ABS remains optional ($600). So equipped, Liberty is reassuringly quick to slow.

The interior holds four adults in comfort, though rear seat passengers will be brushing their knees against the front seatbacks, if all are long-legged. No such caveats concerning headroom, though.

The Liberty's upright posture allows enough room to handle even a revival of big hairstyles.

A side-swinging door, with a separate opening window, accesses the rear cargo area. The door-style portal gains points for its curbside opening, though the two-piece design is slightly more cumbersome than a one-piece swing-up hatch.

Once open, there is a generous, 29 cubic feet of space available, expandable to 69 cubic feet if you opt to fold the 65/35 split rear seatbacks down.

The front cabin is generally well laid out, though the location of the controls for power windows (on the center console) takes some getting used to. Visibility is good in all directions; with the back view hindered only by rear seat head rests.

My test vehicle was a Sport model, joining the up-level Limited and the newly offered Renegade models in the revised 2003 Liberty lineup. The as-tested price of $24,780 included Jeep's 3.7-liter Power Tech V6 — an $850 option.

The six-cylinder engine generates 210 horsepower and 235 pounds-foot of torque, and, coupled to the optional four-speed automatic transmission ($825), is EPA rated at 17 mpg city and 21 highway.

This powertrain matches nicely with Liberty's size and weight, and, with the available towing package ($285), offers a class-leading towing capacity of 5,000 pounds.

Towing capacity with the 3.7 and manual transmission is 3,500 pounds. The Liberty's base 2.4-liter four-cylinder engine is down some 60 horsepower compared to the six. Jeep says that about 85 percent of Libertys are sold with the V6, and I would recommend it over the smaller motor.

Liberty is a solid choice in the mid-size utility field, especially for outdoor enthusiasts. It's right-sized in town, sure-footed off road, and will tow big for its size.

On road or off, it's got you covered.

Freewheeling

FROM PAGE D1

out on. And what these too-busy parents are missing out on.

The unfolding coming of age of my 11-year-old son has been revealed in our recent commutes to baseball games. On one such drive, this shy boy — or so I thought — informed me that he was looking forward to "going out with girls."

Apparently he was preparing me, for only a week later he told me his buddies had dates to the movies on Friday night. "Are you going, too?" I asked. "Well, 'She' (her name is withheld to protect from embarrassment) asked me to go," he hesitated, a clear hint he needed a nudge to say yes.

"So 'She' likes you?" I quizzed him. He turned to me, rolled his eyes as adolescents do and said in his sardonic tone, "Ya think.

How would I have known all that if I had left the driving to a stranger? Or how would I have known that my son's buddies in Mr. Smith's fifth grade class think I'm cool, "And you should be proud of that," my son told me.

My soon-to-drive 15-year-old daughter, similarly, opens up in the car, as she does nowhere else. For instance, she let down the stoic facade she'd been wearing for weeks after the break-up with her first boyfriend and confessed her hurt and anger over being lied to and betrayed.

Would she have revealed that to a chauffeur? I doubt it. My own mother gave me "The Talk" about girls becoming women as we made our monthly visit to the orthodontist. A cab driver couldn't do that.

Car-pooling allows parents to get to know their kids' friends as well. En route to the funeral of a friend's brother, I was introduced to my daughter's newest friends. I learned a lot about them. One confided to the other girls (and unwittingly to me) the pain she had endured in elementary school when kids made fun of her for her looks, her size, and her nerdiness.

Would I — and the others — understand this girl's quirkiness had I left the driving to someone else? No way. Nor would I know who's dating whom, which teachers rock and which are idiots, and the outrageousness of what occurs in high school bathrooms.

And then there's the funny stuff. Like the night my son and I car-seat danced to the 1960s music on the XM Satellite Radio as we car-pooled to swim practice.

I'm frequently the designated driver for concerts. I learn the newest music kids are listening to — some of which I could easily do without. On the way to one such gig, my daughter and her silly friends played with the navigation system and explained their theories on how GPS works.

"There are midgets on skateboards underneath the car telling it where to go," said one wisecracker. "But you have to be careful you don't hit one backing up. Otherwise you have to order a new one from Europe." It was hysterical. Guess you had to be there.

And then there are the long road trips. We can't wait for next year's trek down California's coast. No telling what I'll learn on that one.

Keane

FROM PAGE D1

Comfort and convenience amenities include automatic climate control, heated seats and outside mirrors, assist grips in all seating positions, as well as a 120-Watt AM/FM/Weatherband stereo system with an in-dash six-disc CD player and seven speakers.

A feature that made a big impression on me during my test-drive was the nighttime illumination around the ignition switch and on the window switches of all four doors. In the darkness of night, I was glad to be able to slide the key into the illuminated ignition easily, rather than fumble around.

The second row seats can be folded flat (60/40 split-fold) to allow spacious capacity to carry cargo of up to 64 cubic feet. The Forester has a ground clearance of 7.5 inches and can tow up to 2,400 pounds.

Subaru puts strong emphasis on safety and performance, considering them as opposite sides of the same coin: Safety and performance are entwined, never to be separated.

The automaker has the best scores in independent crash testing to prove it. Not only does Subaru give owners the peace of mind of all-wheel drive, but front passenger head and chest side-impact airbags are standard equipment.

Subaru has thought outside the boxer engine. Now, when I think of Subaru as practical but ho-hum, I'll think outside the box and think: turbocharged.

SUBARU FORESTER 2.5 XT

Vehicle Type	Five-passenger AWD sport utility vehicle
Suggested Retail	$24,970
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Engine Type	DOHC 2.5-liter four-cylinder turbo w/SMFI
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Torque	235 at 3,600 rpm
Transmission	Four-speed automatic
Wheelbase	99 inches
Height	63 inches
Turning Circle	(curb-to-curb) 35 feet
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Fuel Capacity	16 gallons
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Weak Feature	Nothing

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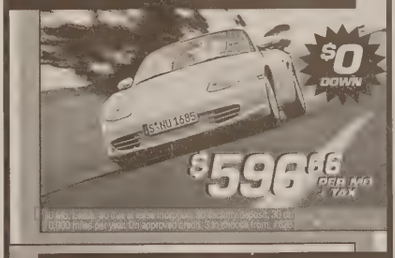

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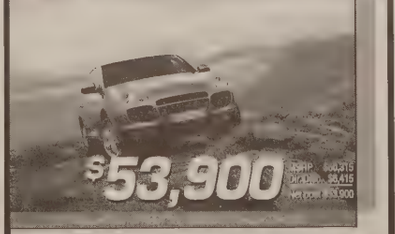

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941 Buick convertible 'iscovered' behind house

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VERN PARKER
Classic Classics

My dad always had Buicks," Trasport recalled. When he e of driving age his first car was nd-me-down from his father, a Buick two-door sedan.

though in later years Trasport yed from the Buick brand, he ained loyal to General Motors. n December 1998, he and his Janice, were motoring through Shenandoah Valley near Charesville, Va., when they saw a 6 Chevrolet parked near the d displaying a "for sale" sign. always liked old cars," Trasport so he stopped.

He noticed a sign reading there e more old cars in a nearby age behind the house. The inged couple went to investigate were astounded at what they nd.

They had stumbled upon a bron antique automobiles. In the ge, parked side-by-side, were 1941 convertibles, a Buick and ackard. Trasport was smitten.

He immediately forgot about the vrolet by the road and carefully mined both of the 1941 conibles. Which one to buy?

He couldn't make up his mind he and his wife left to think it r. "Sometimes," he said, "no den is the decision."

After a week or two of anxious dering, the Trasports returned another look at the cars and discovered that the Packard had been sold. The decision had been made for them.

Trasport bought the green Buick in January 1999. A couple of weeks passed before they returned to take possession of their prize.

With the tan top in the raised position and the under-seat heater throwing out BTUs, Trasport drove the Buick 70 miles home to Woodbridge, Va., secure in the knowledge that his safety net — his wife — was following in a modern car.

Most of the trip was made at speeds between 45 and 60 miles per hour.

The Buick performed flawlessly and the new owner smiled all the way home. "I don't know if the smile has gone away yet," a still-happy Trasport said.

Much of the car's history is a mystery. He does know that his car was restored in the Midwest during the early 1980s. About 4,300 of the 1941 Buick Special convertible coupes were manufactured in the last full year of automobile production before World War II. Each one had a base price of $1,138.

The AM radio receives signals through the vacuum-powered antenna on the left front fender. The five push buttons on the radio are labeled with big block letters spelling B-U-I-C-K. The power antenna and radio package was a $65 accessory. The dual defrosters cost an extra $7.50.

The 3,780-pound convertible rides on a 118-inch wheelbase and is propelled by 115 horsepower delivered by the 248-cubic-inch straight-eight-cylinder engine.

Unlike modern-day Buicks with automatic transmissions, Trasport works through the gears, shifting manually while seated behind the three-spoke steering wheel whenever he takes his car out for some exercise.

"I've had it up to 75 mph as a test and I think there's more," he said.

Historical pictures of 1941 Buicks show some of them with rear fender skirts trimmed with chrome spears. He decided his Buick had to have skirts. In 1941 the skirts would have been a $10 option.

He found a pair of skirts offered on e-bay from New England. He bought them but had to search elsewhere for the chrome spears that add that extra pizzazz.

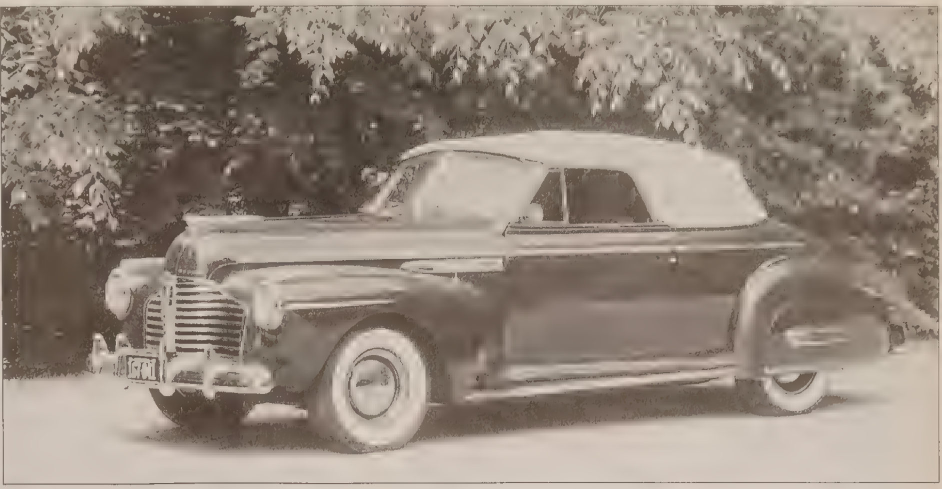
There is no shortage of bright work on the Buick. Each wheel has a beauty ring surrounding the hubcap. Additionally, the parking lights above the headlights are encased in chrome.

At the curvaceous rear end of the Buick is the trunk. It contains an amazingly small amount of space. A shelf over the horizontally positioned spare tire provides a flat surface.

Trasport's Buick abounds in features including the clock in the glove compartment door. The vacuum-operated windshield wipers are controlled by a dash-top plastic knob on the other side of the glass from the cowl ventilator.

Trasport is happy to one of the owners of such a limited convertible from 1941.

If you have a vehicle of interest to "Classic Classics" readers, write to Motor Matters, 4635 Bailey Drive, Wilmington, DE 19808-4109 detailing its merits.



MOTOR MATTERS

OWNER DECIDES to add rear fender skirts trimmed with chrome spears to his 1941 Buick convertible and finds them on e-bay.

Replacing CV joint's rubber boot best left to the pros

KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

BRAD BERGHOLDT
Auto QnA

Q I just finished changing the oil on my '95 Corolla and noticed the left-outer axle rubber cup flinging a small amount of grease on the surrounding area.

After cleaning things up, I found a small split in its accordion-like rubber ribs. How big a deal is this?

By my estimate it has lost less than a teaspoon of grease. How difficult is this part to change?

Will this keep until I have some vacation time and or money budgeted for it?

Jeremy Wagner
Manteca, Calif.

A Before we take a look at your Corolla's CV boots, let's brush up a bit on the parts they protect.

Your front-wheel-drive system has four constant velocity (CV) joints, one near each end of each front axle.

CV joints allow the axles to bend — for steering purposes, and flex, as the vehicle's suspension moves up and down.

Because of the rather sharp angles encountered, and the need for telescopic movement, CV joints are more sophisticated — and expensive — than the universal joints used in a rear-wheel-drive vehicle's drive shaft.

CV joints, due to their close-tolerance machining, need to be securely sealed to retain vitally important grease and to keep dirt and moisture out. Each joint is encased in a ribbed and highly flexible rubber boot.

The inner boot is optimized for telescopic movement, where the outer boot must withstand frequent and sometimes severe angular changes, particularly during U-turns.

It is not unusual to encounter a leaking/split boot, usually an outer one, after 75,000 or more miles of service.

How quickly should you move on this? If the split is large enough to let a moderate to large quantity of grease to escape, and water/dirt to enter, the CV joint will begin to wear rapidly.

If the joint wears to the point of noisy operation — usually a clicking sound during low speed/sharp turns (outer joint), or a clunking noise during initial acceleration or braking (inner joint), you'll be looking at a much larger repair bill (a new joint or axle assembly).

If the boot split is small, you can probably get by until the next oil change (three to four months) before replacing it.

What does it take to renew a CV boot? Unfortunately, the axle must be removed from the car and largely disassembled.

Doing so involves separating the lower ball joint and pressing the outer end of the drive shaft apart from the steering knuckle/hub. The shaft is then pried or tapped free from the transaxle.

One CV joint, in your case the inner one, must be separated from the axle shaft before the boot(s) can be removed. While the axle shaft is apart, the affected CV joint should be disassembled and thoroughly cleaned, then repacked with special grease.

Also, since it's necessary to remove and replace the inner boot in order to disassemble the shaft, it makes sense to renew it as well.

Unless you're quite handy under a car, and have a shop manual and the specialty tools necessary to do the job, I'd hand this greasy chore over to a pro.

Removing the axle, disassembling and reassembling it, and properly attaching the boot require a certain level of finesse, and there are far better ways to spend a vacation day.

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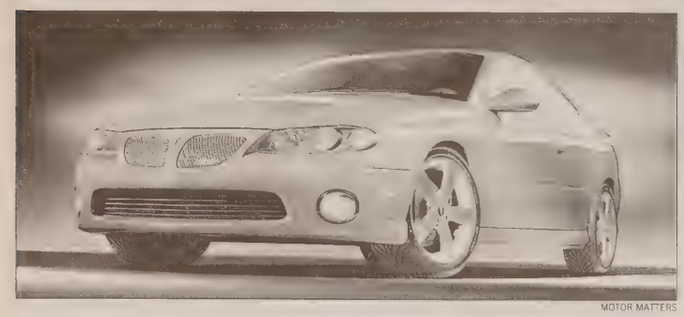

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Even so, some analysts fore- the future of the full-sized s holding its own, not h more.

George Pipas, manager of es analysis for Ford, doesn't the van making a major meback.

"Sales started going down n minivans were introduced ne mid-'80s and just kept ling," he said.

"I don't think there's all that ch room for growth. Maybe ne. But what is the catalyst growth?"

According to Ross Hendrix, and commercial marketing nager for General Motors, catalyst is some new fea- es on vans, and perhaps e return business from for- van customers who tried vans or sport utility vehicles and found them less adaptable to certain situations.

Such as? "The conversion van market for one," he said. That market, which converts bare vans to rolling living rooms, shrunk dramatically, resulting in the downsizing or closure of some major companies, including Mark III in Ocala.

"But the stronger ones survived and are doing some great work," Hendrix said. "We have arrangements with 28 converters now."

The Chevrolet Express van and its twin, the GMC Savannah, are the newest vans on the market, though Ford has continuously updated its Econoline.

Dodge quit building its full-sized vans — some dealers have a few left to sell — but DaimlerChrysler is pinning its hopes on the Sprinter, introduced in Europe in 1995.

Gaining popularity with delivery companies such as FedEx and with airport van transporters, the Sprinter — built in South Carolina from parts sent from Europe — is sold through Freightliner dealers, but select Dodge dealers now are marketing it as both a commercial and private option to other vans.

The Sprinter is taller, narrower and pricier than regular vans, and is powered by a diesel engine — a plus for some customers, a negative for others.

GM is marketing an all-wheel-drive version of the Express and Savannah, which, Hendrix said, makes a full-sized van a year-round option for customers in the North.

GM also is offering a left-side passenger door.

And GM announced recently that it will equip its 15-passenger Express and Savannah vans with a computer-controlled stability system that will recognize a skid and apply one or more brakes to help control it, thus helping prevent rollover.

This system has been available in many GM vehicles for several years; the fact that it, plus a left-side second door and an all-wheel-drive option, is news in the full-sized van market suggests how stagnant the products have been during the past decade.

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Automakers struggle to find balance between safety and efficienc

BY DANNY HAKIM
NEW YORK TIMES NEWS SERVICE

DETROIT — For years, automakers have cited studies contending that thousands of people die annually because fuel economy regulations force them to make cars that are not heavy enough.

Larger vehicles, the argument goes, may guzzle more gas but they offer more protection, whether one hits a tree or another car. The argument has been a central one when efforts emerge in Congress to raise fuel economy regulations.

And it is taken seriously by the Bush administration, which has embarked on an unprecedented effort to rewrite the nation's fuel economy rules.

The problem with this argument is that it now has little relationship to the American road. As consumer safety advocates point out, the lightest cars have virtually disappeared from American roads over the last 15 years, while the largest vehicles — including sport utilities and pickups — have ballooned, both in number and heft.

Cars that weigh 2,500 pounds or less, which were 18 percent of all passenger vehicles sold in the 1985 model year, have fallen to less than half a percentage point, according to the Environmental Protection Agency. In fact, the average American car has been steadily gaining weight for a decade and a half.

The growth, over the same period, of the largest vehicles has only expanded weight differences that are widely acknowledged to be deadly in collisions.

Moreover, the largest vehicles are increasingly not cars but sport utilities and pickups, which ride much higher than cars, increasing the danger to people in cars and the likelihood of deadly rollovers.

When the government created fuel economy regulations in response to the energy crisis of the 1970s, few imagined they would become a flashpoint because of an entirely different issue — safety.

But the man the Bush administration has chosen to preside over the effort to rewrite the rules, John D. Graham, says saving lives is as important as saving gasoline.

Graham, the regulations administrator of the Office of Management and Budget, has argued since his years as a Harvard professor and risk expert that fuel regulations have cost thousands of American lives because cars have been made too light — in Detroit, the phenomenon is called "downsizing."

Auto lobbyists have cited Graham's work, and other research, in opposing tighter fuel standards.

Now Graham is chairman of an intra-agency group rethinking the fundamental structure of corporate average fuel economy regulations, or CAFE standards, for light trucks, sport utility vehicles, pickups and minivans for the 2008 model year and beyond.

The group also includes the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, whose chief, Jeffrey W. Runge, will play a central role; the Energy Department; and the EPA.

Graham said in an e-mail exchange that the administration's intention was "to stimulate more fuel-saving, technological innovation while protecting safety and American jobs."

He said he did not want to press automakers to make most light trucks lighter. "CAFE reform does not make sense if it forces consumers to purchase vehicles that are lighter or smaller than they need," Graham said.

But he also said, somewhat surprisingly, that there were problems with vehicles that were too heavy: "A downsizing of the heaviest light trucks could be a net positive."

He said the country would be better served by vehicles that are less diverse, in terms of weight and size. In effect, he is playing to both sides of the debate, arguing that bigger is better — but that too big is not better.

Now he faces the difficult task of selling his ideas.

"The curious thing about the administration's effort on this proposal is that it is opposed by all of the major stakeholders: by the UAW, the environmental groups and by the major automakers," said Alan V. Reuther, the top lobbyist of the United Automobile Workers union.

The union fears that domestic automakers will abandon production of smaller cars under a Bush plan and focus on their profit center, sport utility vehicles and pickups.

Automakers expressed a range of views, but always concern.

"What the auto industry and other industries support about Dr. Graham is that he does strive to base decisions on sound data and sound science and that's a mantra of business," said Gloria Bergquist, spokeswoman for the Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers, the industry's main lobbying group.

"But when he's starting to take on changes to CAFE, it makes us nervous because it's very complicated and it's something that we've wrestled with for 30 years."

The notion of Graham presiding over the debate is anathema to environmentalists, who doubt that conserving gasoline will be a priority, and safety groups, who do not trust him because the Harvard Center for Risk Analysis, which he founded, was partly financed by automakers.

"It's clear he's doing this on behalf of the auto industry," said Joan Claybrook, president of Public Citizen, a consumer advocacy group, and a critic of Graham.

She said that the effort should be led by the agency she once ran, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. "That's why they create these agencies," she said.

Runge, the traffic agency's current administrator, has a leading role because his agency actually writes the regulations, though Graham has used his power in the budget office before to reject a tire pressure regulation proposed by the traffic agency.

The two men seem closer to the same page on the weight debate. Runge called Graham "a very valuable player in helping the administration navigate through this thorny issue."

"This is very important to the future of the country," he added. "It may seem arcane outside of Washington, D.C., but it affects everybody in our nation."

Fuel regulations are so strewn with loopholes that several auto lobbyists said they preferred the "devil they know."

Today, each automaker's fleet of passenger cars is required to average 27.5 miles per gallon. Light trucks are required to average 20.7 miles per gallon. The Bush administration has raised that figure already, to 22.2 by the 2007 model year.

But the system allows automakers to assume their vehicles are about 18 percent more fuel efficient than they actually are. They also get special credits for making some vehicles that can substitute ethanol for gas even though few customers realize they have such a capability.

The largest sport utilities and pickups, those with a curb weight greater than three tons, are not even part of the regulatory system. That means automakers do not have to count many Hummers, Toyota Land Cruisers or Lincoln Navigators, to name a few.

Perhaps the ultimate quirk is that regulations meant to save gasoline led the auto industry to dump the station wagon, because it qualifies as a car, and create new classes of family haulers, like sport utilities, that qualify as light trucks. As a result, the fuel economy of the average new passenger vehicle is at its lowest point in 22 years.

But many automakers and their allies have long argued, and continue to argue, that saving gasoline kills.

Tough regulations would "exchange body bags for oil barrels," Jerry Curry, the top auto regulator during the first Bush administration, said in 1990. In 1999, Michigan's senators, Carl Levin and Spencer Abraham — Abraham is now the energy secretary — wrote to colleagues that "higher CAFE standards equals more vehicle deaths" because cars would be made too light.

Sam Kazman, general counsel for the Competitive Enterprise Institute, which has sued the government to halt even small regulatory increases, said in a recent statement that fuel regulation "kills thousands of people each year by forcing vehicles to be downsized and therefore less crashworthy."

But Clarence M. Ditlow, director of the Center for Auto Safety, said Kazman "has no argument on small cars because the small cars have gotten bigger."

"When you look at today's fleet, manufacturers have not met the regulations by making small cars," he added, but by improving technology.

Ditlow argues that safety problems could be alleviated — and gasoline saved — if the separate standard for light trucks were scrapped. But the industry has blocked several efforts to do so.

On average, cars have been gaining weight for a decade and a half, to 3,408 pounds today from 3,013 pounds in 1987. Some additional weight has come from new safety systems like air bags.

Car weights have consolidated between 3,000 and 4,000 pounds — a trend that on its own would help safety because cars are more alike, weightwise, than they were 30 years ago.

If the lightest cars have vanished, so have the behemoths of Motor City's last heyday — the two-and-a-half-ton Lincolns and the battleship station wagons. Even after bulking up in recent years, passenger cars are below the 4,071-pound average of 1975.

Large cars have been supplanted by light trucks, which have grown to more than half of sales today from a fifth in 1980. Sport utilities and pickups are gaining faster than cars, to 4,569 pounds today from a low of 3,840 in 1987, increasing the weight disparity on the roads.

The industry's arguments were bolstered by a 2001 National Academy of Sciences report, which said that cars being made too light caused 1,300 to deaths in the 1993

But the finding drew dissent f of the academy's panelists, and Lave, an economics professor at versity of California at Irvine who w mary architect of the finding, sa had changed since 1993

"It's a description of the past," "You can get a 20 to 40 perc provement in fuel economy with creasing weight. You don't have crease performance either. The te exists to do it."

"There's no reason you shoul increase of deaths," he added

The administration is likely to several ideas for public comment t mer, mostly variations on a syst would mandate light truck fuel e by weight or size classes instead gle mileage target, several people the deliberations said

Environmental groups say such tem will nullify fuel economy gains ministration, however, is considering Hummers and Land Cruisers regulatory system and effectively a heavyweight class like one suggest the National Academy's report somewhat demanding mileage stem further auto obesity.

"My intention is to seek wide comment on this topic to the pub lic meetings," Runge said.

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ruitful giant has ad a few lemons

BY MARK PHELAN
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

Ford Motor Co. created is like the Model T, Mustang F-series pickup, but it's also its share of forgettable cars. is the company that coined ew synonym for failure with Edsel, after all.

Here's a brief look at some Ford's lesser achievements, d in order of the model year hich they debuted.

58 Edsel

A brand that deserved a bet- fate, as evidenced by the ny collectors who cherish the ng-looking cars to this day. d created Edsel to give it a nd to compete with Oldsmo- and Buick buyers. Edsel's in was delayed several s before going on sale in fall of 1957.

The Edsel range consisted he Ranger, Pacer, Corsair Citation and totaled 18 dels including station wag- and convertibles.

"Much of the problem was ing," said Todd Lassa, De- editor of Motor Trend mag- ne. "It came out during the big postwar recession."

In addition, the start of pro- ion was rocky, and quality s shaky even by the stan- ds of the time.

The four factories building sells were already running full e, building Fords and Mer- ys, and the company further reased the assembly line ed to squeeze in the extra sels. That ensured that the rkers resented the cars, and nt managers looked at the sel as a problem waiting to pen.

Ford killed the brand after 1960 model year. It had sold 110,817 Edsels — barely the projected sales for the rd's first year.

"People said the grille looked somebody sucking on a on," said John McElroy, host TV program "Autoline De- ." "It came out with a pre- m price as a recession be- Mix that together and you e a flop."

1969 Maverick

The Maverick sold far beyond Ford's expectations when it hit the market in mid-1969, but by the end of the car's life, it had become known as a rust-prone, muscle car wanna-be.

"The Maverick was an honest attempt to build a small car with sporty appeal, but nothing about its mechanicals supported that," said Thomas Bryant, editor-in-chief of Road & Track magazine.

Ford stopped building the Maverick in 1977 — but not until the little car had been subjected to the indignities of two-tone paint schemes and the Stallion option package, which included a stallion decal on the front fenders.

1971 Pinto

A good car gone bad.

The Pinto began its life as an enjoyable and fuel-efficient little car, McElroy said, but things went downhill fast.

"The '71 Pinto had a 100-horsepower German engine and was superbly built," McElroy said. "Then they put an anemic 2.3-liter American-made engine in it and had to meet the new emissions standards. It became a slug: heavy and slow, with bad handling and poor fuel economy."

Despite the fact that Larry Shinoda, the same man who designed the classic split-window Chevrolet Corvette, penned the Pinto design, the car also had "hideously bad drag," thanks to a "uniquely wrong" angle for its rear window, said Frank Markus, technical director of Car and Driver magazine.

However, it was the Pinto's infamous fuel-tank fires that defined the car's short, unhappy life.

A series of the highly publicized fires led to lawsuits, and a Ford memo referring to the problem surfaced in the muckraking magazine Mother Jones, McElroy said.

"All small cars at the time had the same problem, but

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Ford embarks on the second hundred years — will remain focus

BY MICHELLE KREBS
MOTOR MATTERS

The cleanup is under way. The second century has begun for Ford Motor Co. And no one is happier about that than William Clay Ford Jr., current CEO and great grandson of company founder, Henry Ford.

Meeting with a small group of reporters on the eve of Ford's gigantic centennial extravaganza, Ford said he was looking forward to the day after the celebration and getting back to business.

Ford took over the reins of the car company almost two years ago following the dismissal of Jacques Nasser, after which Ford reported a loss of more than $5 billion.

Since taking over, Ford has focused on turning the automaker around. He has undone Nasser's diversification efforts, returned to the basics of the car and truck business, and he has brought in his own whiz kids: Ford retirees he jokingly refers to as "the grumpy old men".

"We've been managing the company quarter to quarter, and it is working. The results are coming," Ford told reporters. "When this management team came in, we had to regain the credibility of our constituencies — our employees, dealers, suppliers, shareholders and customers.

"I felt it was important not to distract the company, so we laid out an explicit plan without layers of objectives in order to get back to basics. Then we slavishly went after it. I didn't want to distract people, confuse them or give them too much to do."

Ford admits that being a member of the Ford family, which owns about 40 percent of the automaker, has had a stabilizing effect. "I'm not taking the money and running, and that resonates with employees and dealers. Ford will be a part of my life no matter what role I play."

But clearly Ford is anxious to move beyond keeping the company afloat and putting his vision in place, ultimately creating his own legacy.

"Longer term, we need a vision for Ford Motor Co. I've always had one," he said, adding that senior management is devising just such a plan, and may lay it out as early as late this year.

Simply put, Ford's vision for the automaker is to build a strong business, great products and better world. "That's what I'd like to be known for," he said. "If I can achieve the elements of those, I'll feel like this was time well spent for me and for the company."

With that mission, the automaker will remain focused on the basic car and truck business. And it will examine its allocation of resources in terms of geographical markets, market segments and technologies.

The company is also looking at just how big it should be. "Are we making the right bets with the billions we're spending?" Ford asks.

> "Being big isn't necessarily being best, I'm more concerned with doing everything well, and being seen as doing everything well. Then the growth will follow."
>
> William Clay Ford Jr., CEO

"Being big isn't necessarily being best," he adds. "I'm more concerned with doing everything well, and being seen as doing everything well. Then the growth will follow."

Ford acknowledges: "This is a very exciting time for us as a company, but it is also one fraught with peril because our decisions can be fatal."

Ford also intends to advance his environmental commitment, contradicting recent attacks by environmentalists that he has gone soft.

"It hurts," he admits, "to be singled out when for many years I was the lone voice in the wilderness. It surprised and disappointed me, but my vision is still the same. I've just had some business realities that I've had to address in recent years. It still excites me to think about eliminating in the future the social tradeoffs that industry has today."

He points to the reconstruction of the Rouge complex, built by his great grandfather as an industrial showcase and now being rebuilt to be an environmentally sensitive industrial showcase where the upcoming Ford F-150 pickup will be built.

"We went ahead with the Rouge construction despite folks wanting me to cancel it or dialing it back. I wouldn't do it," he said.

Ford admits the job has taken a toll. "It's a tough, tough job. It has taken me away from everything else," says the father of four young children.

"People ask if I'm having fun. No, I'm not having fun — yet. But I do have a sense of satisfaction that the company is starting to turn. I could see a day when I might really enjoy the job, but for the time being, satisfaction will have to do."

WILLIAM CLAY FORD JR. stands in front of Ford's 2004 F-150 pickup, the vehicle the company hopes turns its fortunes around focuses on truck and car production.

Lemons

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Mother Jones had the memo, and the lawyers had a field day," he said.

"It's unfortunate that a car that started out as a good, nimble little machine ended so ignominiously," he said. "It deserved a better fate than being taken out behind the barn and shot."

Ford built the Pinto through the 1980 model year and replaced it with the Escort.

2002 Lincoln Blackwood

The first attempt to build a luxury pickup, the Blackwood was another example of an apparently can't-miss concept that went down in flames. A $52,000-plus pickup designed for the horsey set, the Blackwood lacked four-wheel drive and couldn't tow a horse trailer.

"It was uniquely unsuited to its target market," Markus said. "Never has a product so richly deserved failure."

Lincoln expected to sell 10,000 Blackwoods a year but had sold fewer than 3,600 when it killed the truck in November 2002, barely a year after it went on sale.

"I never understood what they were trying to achieve with the Blackwood," Smith said. "It was a styling exercise with no utility whatsoever. It died young, and it deserved to."

1991 Mercury Capri

It seemed like such a good idea at the time: Have renowned Italian design houses Ghia and ItalDesign create a little convertible, us parts for quality and build talia to keep it affordable

The best-laid plans . . .

The front-wheel drive C repeatedly delayed wit eventually hitting the mar the same time as the va perior and more attractiv Miata.

"It was almost free of ing qualities," said David editor-at-large of Ward's Au magazine. "It had abso curb appeal."

In addition to a design grown old before the car on sale, the Capri was bur quality problems.

"Ours was in the sho time, and it was no fun when it was running," Mar

Ford killed the car in 1994

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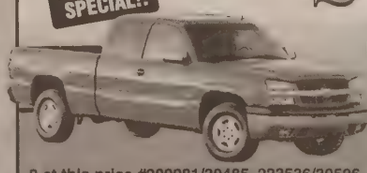

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ustang changed the tide

BY TONY SWAN
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

ear was 1964, and spring was in

on Baines Johnson was in the use and shaping his strategy for residential campaign: the Great nd the War on Poverty.
Vietnam conflict was heating up, ison would be perceived as the ndidate in his race against Barry The Tonkin Gulf Resolution and of agony that followed were e in the unknowable future.
Beatles were at the top of the charts their February debut on "The Ed Show." Berry Gordy's Motown was approaching the height of its The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. ded for a November date with the ace Prize.
eally speaking, things looked good ica — unless you happened to be at the Ford Motor Co.
ing by just the bottom line, the y was in pretty good shape. But se Ford had been toiling in the of Chevrolet since the '30s, and it n a decade since Dearborn had with a real head-turning car.
car, the Thunderbird, had long come a bloated caricature of itself, d's most recent new car venture — el — was, to be kind, a disaster. needed a winner.
Mustang was it.
e 7.5 million Mustangs have been r the past 39 years, and if the cur- sion lacks the technical sophisti- many contemporary sport coupes, s a uniquely all-American persona, irresistible lure of racy looks and l engines at an affordable price has generations of buyers, imbuing the g with a mystique that defies logic. Model T was the definitive Ford of pany's first 50 years, the Mustang nforgettable car of the second 50. empting to think that the Mustang fully formed, from the brow of the lorful and famous car executive of 1900s.
that's not an idea Lido Anthony la- would discourage.
cca was running the Ford brand time, and he wanted to build a sporty car that would appeal to buyers.
as usual, was playing catch-up. hen captivated teens and twen- things with the Corvair in 1960. rear-engine Corvair, especially the 150-horsepower Monza version, rectly cool stuff and engagingly out with the American performance ram, which preferred brute power ible handling.

Ford's compact Falcon didn't have the same kind of panache, and it would be a while before Ralph Nader wrecked the Corvair's reputation with "Unsafe at Any Speed," which was published in November 1965.

Iacocca set the machinery in motion in 1960, but the Mustang didn't happen overnight.

A number of concepts came and went in Ford's design department. One of the more interesting was the Mustang I — a true, two-seat sports car with a 2.0-liter, four-cylinder engine. It was endorsed by Ford design chief Gene Bordinat.

(When Ford engineers named the car, they were thinking of the World War II fighter plane, not a horse. The equine imagery and galloping pony grille ornament came much later from the marketing department.)

But Iacocca didn't like the Mustang I. He demanded a backseat and more oomph than the 100-horsepower four-cylinder engine could provide.

Bordinat and his troops went back to work. Seven different design studios submitted concepts, but it was the Ford division submission — under the guidance of Joe Oros, Gale Halderman and David Ash — that won over Iacocca and Henry Ford II.

Ford chose the opening of the 1964 New York World's Fair — April 16 — for the Mustang's official debut, and followed up by providing a Mustang pace car for the '64 Indy 500.

The base price was $2,368. There were two models, a convertible and a coupe, available with four engine choices: a mild-quetoast 101-horsepower six-cylinder and three V8s, ranging from 164 to 271 horsepower. Three transmissions were offered: a Fordomatic automatic, a three-speed manual and a four-speed manual.

The response to the new car was immediate and overwhelming. Orders quickly outstripped production capacity of the Dearborn plant, where the Mustang shared space with the Falcon.

Ford opened a second Mustang assembly line at its San Jose, Calif., plant in July, and converted another Falcon line in Metuchen, N.J., soon after that.

By the end of that abbreviated first year, 263,434 Mustangs had rolled out of Ford showrooms, good enough for fifth place on the '64 sales charts.

Ford added a fastback model and more options for '65. When the calendar rolled around to April again, the Mustang sales tally stood at 418,000, a new first-year world record.

The beat went on. There were more than half a million registrations in 1965. And in 1966, production peaked at 607,568.

As the '60s gave way to the '70s, the Mustang got bigger and heavier. Woodgrain trim appeared inside certain models, and vinyl appeared on some of the roofs.

The all-American pony car progenitor was succumbing to the bloat that afflicted so many U.S. products in the days before the first fuel crisis.

Nevertheless, these were the Mustang's real glory years. The period between 1964 and 1973 saw the advent of some truly memorable offerings like the Shelby GT350, the Boss 302 and the Boss 429, to name just a few, as well as numerous racing successes.

It's not unreasonable to say that the original series of Mustangs looked particularly glorious in contrast to what followed.

Having established a winning formula, Ford couldn't resist tampering with it. The result was the Mustang II.

The designers abandoned the old Falcon foundations for the humble little Pinto platform. Offered in awkward-looking two-door coupe and hatchback body styles, it was 7 inches shorter than the original Mustang, came with a four-cylinder base engine and lacked a V8 engine option.

Ford called it the "right car at the right time," and in the wake of the '73 OPEC oil embargo, the message seemed to have some merit.

But mercifully, the right time proved to be short. The Mustang II lasted just five years before it was replaced by an all-new car based on a new chassis — the Fox platform — borrowed from the year-old Ford Fairmont sedan.

In addition to providing better exterior proportions and more interior room than the cramped little Mustang II, the 1979 Mustang reflected a renewed commitment to performance.

Like the original, the third generation was the result of an internal competition between several Ford studios. The winning design proposal came from a crew led by Jack Telnack, then head of Ford North American design.

It was a design that would endure far beyond expectations, thanks in part to a mid-'80s move to change the character of the car.

In 1982, Ford began work on a joint venture project, code-named SN6, aimed at replacing the Fox platform with a front-drive design to be shared with the Mazda 626 and built at the new Flat Rock plant.

This seemed like a good idea to Ford product planners looking to cut costs. But when word inevitably leaked out, it was anathema to Mustang faithful.

Wait a minute. Front-wheel drive? No V8? A Japanese Mustang? You've got to be kidding.

Donald Petersen was Ford chairman at the time, and when he was deluged by tons of outraged mail from Mustang fans, much of it with lurid salutations, he decided SN6 might not be suitable as a Mustang replacement after all.

The new car became the Probe, introduced as a 1989 model and since deceased.

Rescued from impending oblivion, the Fox platform Mustang soldiered on essentially unchanged for another five years before it was completely restyled for the 1994 model year.

Although it has been updated, it's basically the same car we see today.

Now poised for a long-overdue makeover, the Mustang represents one of autodom's great survival stories.

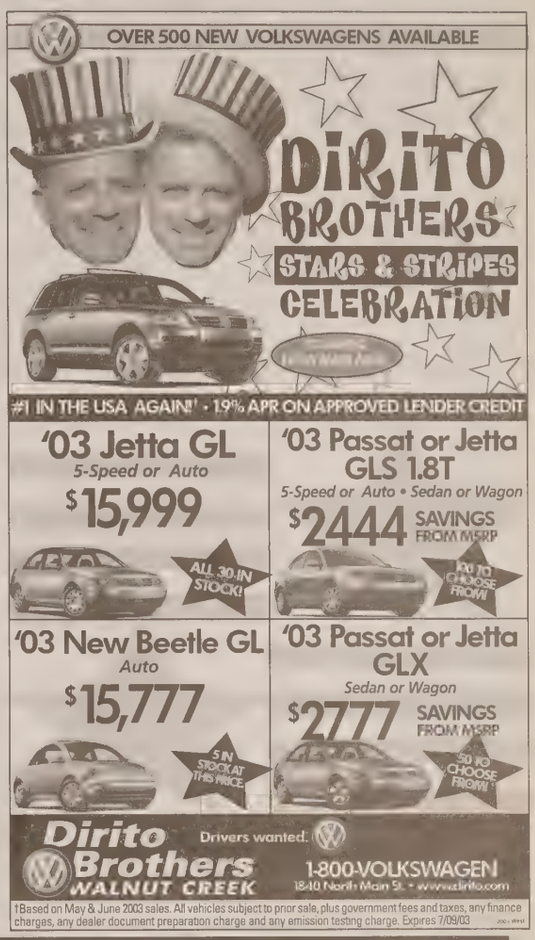
When it first appeared, the Mustang really was the right car at the right time. It appealed to the then-youthful baby boom generation and inspired a bunch of imitators that have all passed from the scene.

With the exception of the Mustang, Ford's passenger car inventory has been largely devoid of excitement for years. It's the youth market special of the swinging '60s that continues to lure buyers into Ford showrooms.

Perhaps it's fitting that Ford enters its second century with a new Mustang in the works — a car whose retro design invokes the style and fun of the original.

Could the racy little coupe that delighted the boomers work the same magic on their grandkids?

I suspect so.



The high life is winding down for Jaguar mechanics

BY CHERYL JENSEN
NEW YORK TIMES NEWS SERVICE

If you are an import-car enthusiast of a certain age, you remember the jokes: if you want to drive a Jaguar, buy two — one of them will always be in the shop.

After Ford bought Jaguar in 1989, it made reliability a top priority. Joe Ivers, executive director of quality and customer satisfaction for J.D. Power & Associates, a market research firm, noticed the change.

"Throughout the '90s Jaguar had what I would characterize as a very athletic, consistent and dramatic improvement in initial quality," Ivers said.

The improvements also have been noted by owners and those who make a rather busy living working on the cars.

"If all we did was try to service new Jaguars, like we did back in the '80s, it would be a pretty dicey proposition," said Earl Gibbs, owner of North Coast Exotics in Cleveland, who has been repairing Jaguars since 1968. "I'd be like the Maytag man."

There are still enough vintage cars, however, to keep him busy.

The quality observations are backed up by J.D. Power's Vehicle Dependability Index, a survey of 30,000 original owners of vehicles four to five years old.

In the 2002 dependability study, which looked at 1998 models, Jaguar ranked ninth with 280 problems per 100 vehicles. Lexus was first with 159 problems.

Jaguar did even better the year before. In the 2001 study, Lexus was first with 173 problems per 100 vehicles, Infiniti was second with 219 and Jaguar was third with 250

That doesn't mean Jaguar owners had a free ride.

Some of the durability issues owners mentioned in surveys on the last-generation XJ8 centered on uneven tire wear, brake noise and problems with the engine-control computer. But these were not seen as serious problems, Ivers said.

"There still is a good distance to cover before it's in the Lexus range, but the underappreciated fact is that Jaguar long-term durability is in the same range as vehicles produced by Toyota," he said.

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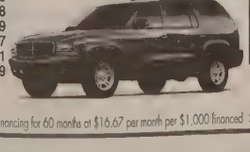

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Hyundai upgrades flagship sedan

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Hyundai's flagship sedan, the XG350, is getting some aesthetic and functional upgrades for 2004.

The new version goes on sale officially next month.

Appearance changes include a new grille and headlamp design, new front and rear bumpers, and a new and brighter center, high-mounted stop lamp.

Functional changes include an increase in front brake rotor diameter from 10.9 to 12.1 inches and the addition of gas charged lifters to make the trunk lid easier to open.

Hyundai's most expensive sedan debuted for the 2001 model year and, for '02, got a larger, 194-hp. 3.5-liter, V6 engine, which carries over into 2004, mated to a five-speed automatic transmission.

Prices for 2004 models have not been announced.

The 2003 models begin at about $23,500.

2005 Mustang to be a distillation of the past, but bigger

BY STEVEN COLE SMITH
THE ORLANDO SENTINEL

ORLANDO, Fla. — When Ford stylists were designing the all-new 2004 F-150 pickup truck, they had photos of the Chevrolet, GMC and Dodge pickups tacked to the wall, knowing those were the key vehicles they had to beat.

When Ford stylists were designing the all-new 2005 Mustang, the photos tacked to the wall were of — old Mustangs.

There is really nothing on the market in direct competition with the Mustang, so designers of the first all-new model since 1979 were in competition more with their predecessors than with other brands.

So when you look at the 2005 Mustang, you see several generations of the old Mustang, freshly interpreted.

"Heritage is something we embrace," said Ed Golden. "We'd be stupid to think we could divorce ourselves from it."

Golden, 45, is Ford's design director, with responsibility for the Mustang. He was in Orlando last week, accompanied by a concept version of the 2005 Mustang GT convertible, to show the car to local Mustang clubs.

The car is not exactly what the real Mustang will look like when it arrives in a year, but it's 95 percent there.

"The brief on the Mustang was, 'Let's design a vehicle that anyone — anyone, whether they have ties to the automobile business or not — can look at the car, and know immediately that it is a Mustang.'

"So immediately that eliminated a lot of the sketches we had up on the board that may have been some pretty compelling designs, but if they didn't have the Mustang DNA, they just weren't appropriate."

The Mustang's last major redesign was for the 1994 model year, but even though 1,330 of the car's 1,850 total parts were new, it was still based on the "Fox" platform that underpinned the 1979 model.

That was when the Mustang returned to being a Mustang, instead of the grim Pinto-based Mustang II of 1974-78. Though Ford engineers have done a remarkable job of updating that Fox platform

So the basis for the 2005 Mustang is a much-modified platform from the Lincoln LS and Jaguar S-Type, also used for the Ford Thunderbird.

It's a solid, versatile front-engine, rear-wheel-drive structure that can handle a V6 or a V8 engine, both of which will be available in the new Mustang.

And, Golden said, there will be a high-performance SVT Cobra version of the Mustang, likely for the 2006 model year.

Golden likes the Mustang's platform, but "it probably makes for a bigger car than we wanted to have as designers. But when you are making room for a big V8, and we wanted to be able to put big tires and wheels on it, the common theme that grows out of that is 'big.'

"Plus, it gave us room for a roomier rear-seat package than the outgoing model. So we tried to 'shrink-wrap' the sheet metal on top of that platform the best we could," he said.

The overall length of the Mustang concept convertible is 182 inches, 1.2 inches shorter than the current car. At 74.7 inches, the new car is 1.6 inches wider than the current Mustang.

Golden said the coupe and convertible were designed at the same time, which should result in a very rigid platform for the convertible.

One of the central challenges in designing the new Mustang, Golden s reminding themselves that while the performance V8 models may be the fun to work on, the Mustang's com success is due largely to the general ness of the less expensive V6 model, far outsells the V8.

"We, as the designers, really lea that as we were going through the d opment of the car

"We'd love to have nothing but GT els with big V8s as the only Mustang — as I think you'll see with the produ version of the V6 Pony model — done a lot of nice things with that ca

When the 2005 Mustang is introdu expect the V6 and V8 hardtops first lowed closely by the convertible.

Prices have not been set, and wo for months, but it's logical to expec new Mustang to cost more, perhaps percent or so on a comparable V6 the current car.

The ultimate goal, Golden said keep current Mustang customers, a tract new ones. "And I think we have that will do that."

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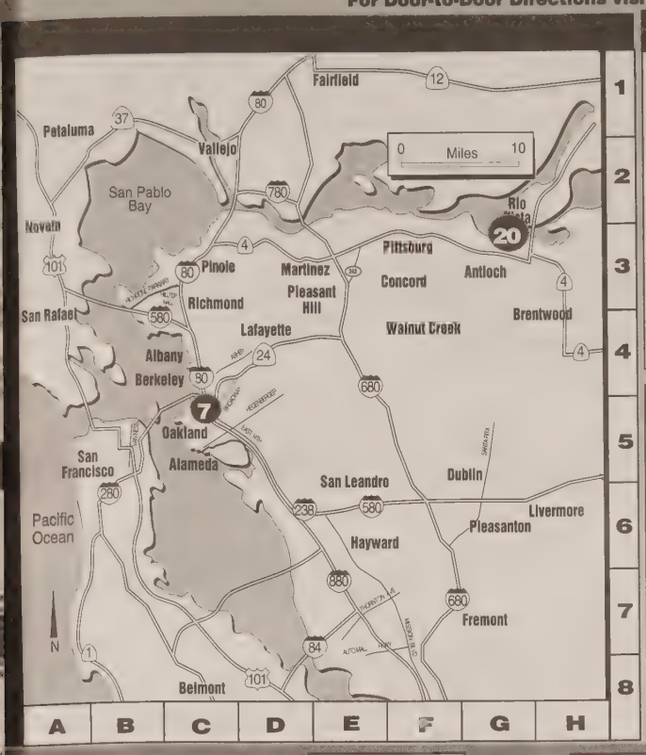

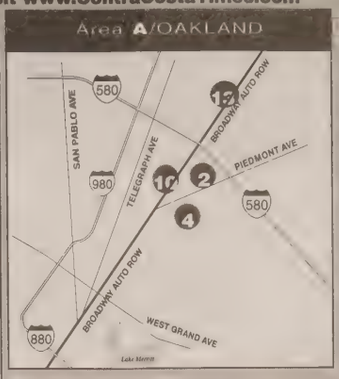

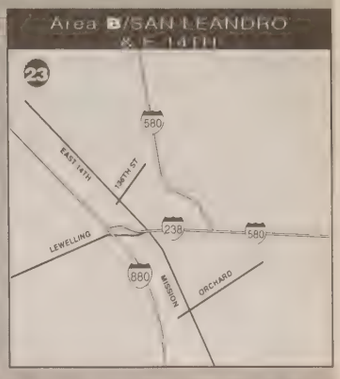

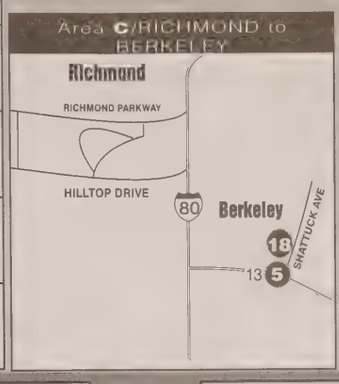

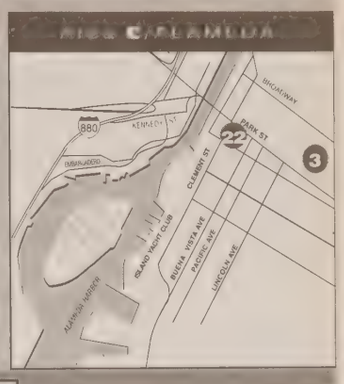

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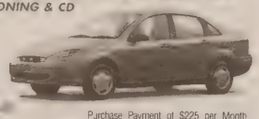

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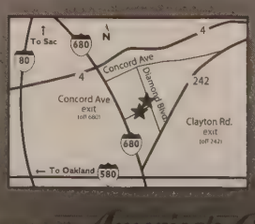

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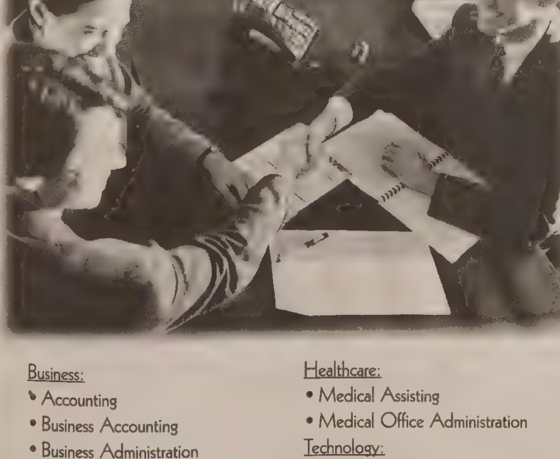

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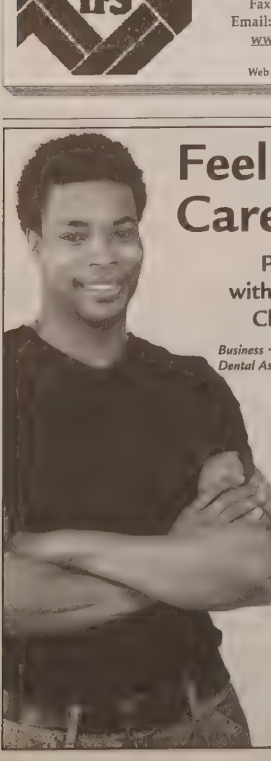

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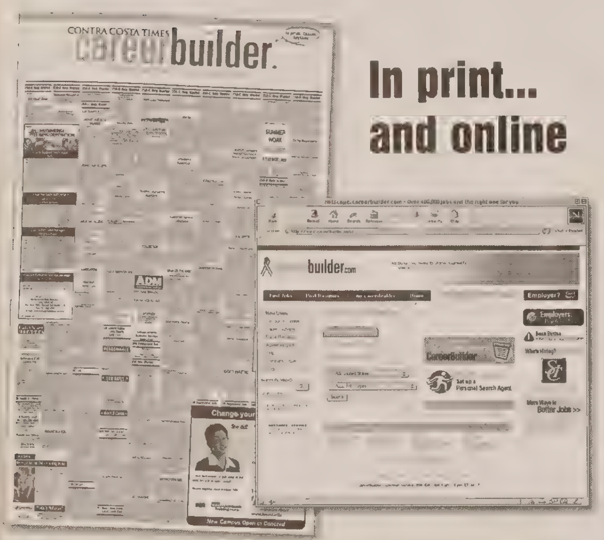

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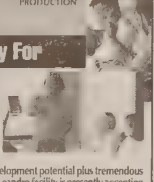

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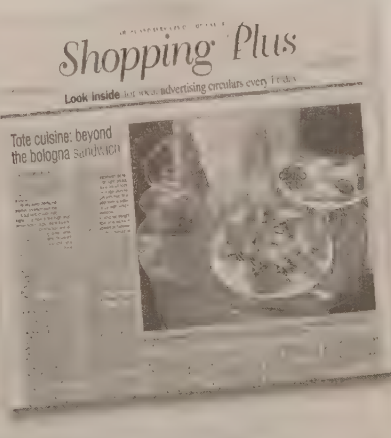

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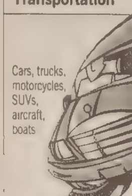

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FORD 1995 Windstar GL, all pwr., grn., 104K, top rack, $3,995 OBO. 925-672-2925

FORD 1985 Ext. Cargo, 460 V8, new tires, AC, smog'd $1200. Call 415-559-3625.

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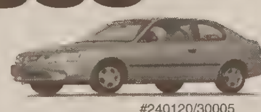

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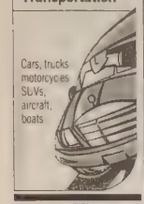

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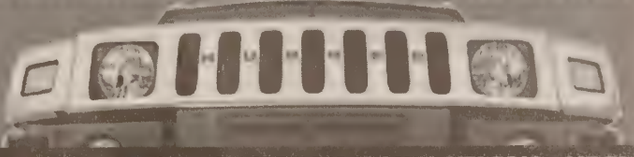

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[C]HICAGO — When Ina Pinkney [was] developing a recipe for gin[gerb]read pancakes for her popular [Chic]ago restaurant, Ina's, she knew [she] wanted more than ginger to [com]e across in the flavor.

[“P]eople can be overwhelmed by [the t]aste of ginger; you often get a [sharp]ness in gingerbread," she said.

[S]o she added something unex[pect]ed to the batter: dry mustard. [“Y]ou can't taste it, but it adds a [flavo]r profile that boosts the other [ingre]dients," Pinkney said.

[P]rofessional cooks often have [trick]s like these up their sleeves. [Mayb]e it's adding coffee to barbe[cue] sauce, or vodka to a grapefruit [sorb]et. These additions aren't [just] a matter of adding novelty, but [a] way of tinkering with the over[all fla]vor to make an even more in[tere]sting dish. The unexpected in[gred]ients are worth experimenting [with] at home, too, to explore the [man]y levels of flavor a recipe can [offer].

[A] traditional example would be [the c]hocolate that goes into a spicy [Mexi]can mole, such as the red mole [that] chef Kevin Kerales serves at [...] in Chicago.

[B]ut other chefs like to play with [ingr]edients to put a twist on the [clas]sics. Jay Lovell, chef of Lovells [of L]ake Forest, Ill., was inspired [whil]e creating the menu for a wine [dinn]er. Starting with a duck breast, [Love]ll dusted the poultry with a mix[ture] of sugar and cocoa powder [and] seared it in a skillet, letting the [suga]r caramelize on the crisp skin. [For] a sauce, the chef added to a [redu]ction of white wine and veal [stoc]k.

[“]French mole, I call it," Lovell [sai]d.

[B]ut the recipe wasn't simply [whim]sical, he said. "For me, the co[coa] and coffee bring up a richer, darker flavor in the bird. It also matched the wine. You can taste chocolate and coffee notes in some wines, and it was there in the cabernet for this course."

Cocoa even makes an unexpected appearance at the Asian-fusion restaurant Opera, in Chicago's south Loop, where chef Paul Wildermuth adds cocoa powder to slow-cooked pork with beans. The cocoa not only adds a "deep richness," Wildermuth said, but it also gives "a nice sort of satin sheen to the dish itself. The cocoa flavor also supports the sugar in the recipe."

Diners might be even more surprised about another ingredient Wildermuth adds to strawberry desserts: Chinese black vinegar, a dark, aged vinegar that might be compared to balsamic.

"It just enhances that strawberry flavor so well," he said.

One of the masters of creating subtle flavors, New York chef Jean-Georges Vongerichten of Vong Thai Kitchen here and other restaurants across the country, creates a mushroom reduction so intense it becomes a "syrup" and can be used as a sauce for meat, instead of a classic glaze of reduced veal stock.

Chef Chris Quintille of we restaurant in the Loop's W Chicago hotel learned a trick at his previous chef gig at one sixtyblue: using pureed carrots to thicken and sweeten a red wine sauce for beef.

Keegan Gerhard, recently the pastry chef at Seasons restaurant in the Four Seasons hotel, said he adds a touch of saffron to his desserts with Grand Marnier to enhance the liqueur's appeal. He also adds white pepper to blueberry jam to bring out that fruit's berriness.

And Chef John Weiszer, recently of Azure restaurant, boosts his signature dessert, flourless chocolate cake, with chili peppers.

Home cooks have their own tradition of combining surprising ingredients, such as doctoring tomato sauces with a pinch of sugar when the tomatoes aren't up to snuff, or giving barbecue sauce and cake a little pizazz with cola. Campbell's tomato soup spice cake, developed in 1949, is still one of the company's most requested recipes, according to spokesman Lawrence Faulkner. The cake has appeared in dozens of community cookbooks since its introduction.

Still, it takes practice to identify subtle flavors and match them up. Cooking amateurs can learn this, which is why Shelley Young offers a "Flavor Dynamics" class at her Chicago-area cooking school, The Chopping Block. It's a scaled-down version of a class taught to students at the Culinary Institute of America in the Napa Valley.

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CHEF PAUL WILDERMUTH, of Chicago's Opera restaurant, adds cocoa to the sauce for his braised pork shanks. Insets from bottom left, clockwise: Restaurant owner Ina Pinkney adds dry mustard to her gingerbread pancakes at Ina's in Chicago, Illinois. Shelley Young puts garam marsala, the Indian spice blend typically used in curries, in oatmeal cookies. Chef Keegan Gerhard adds white pepper to blueberry jam to bring out that fruit's berriness. Chef Jean-Georges Vongerichten creates a button mushroom reduction so intense it becomes a syrup and can be used as a sauce for meat. Chef Keegan Gerhard adds a touch of saffron to desserts that contain Grand Marnier.

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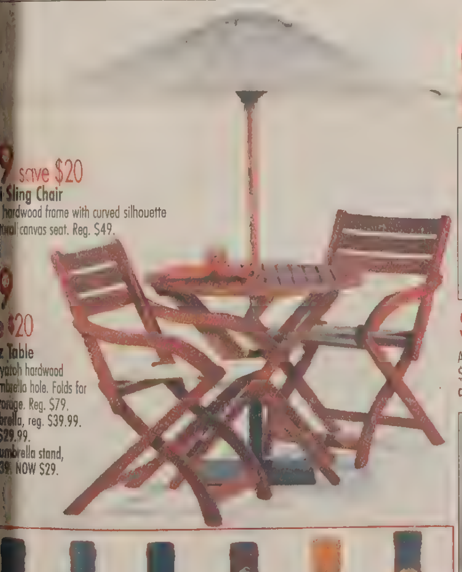

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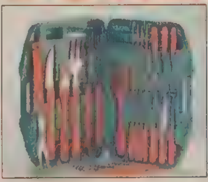

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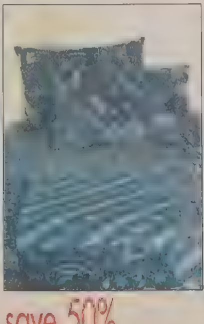

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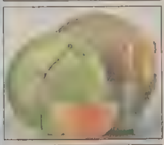

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From June 25, 1950 to July 27, 1953, the United States joined with the United Nations forces in Korea to take a stand against what was deemed a threat to free nations worldwide. By war's end a million and a half American veterans had returned to families, homes, and jobs — and to a country long reluctant to view the Korean War as something to memorialize.

The passing of five decades, as well as recent international developments, have brought a new perspective to the war and its aftermath. The Korean War Veterans Memorial honors those Americans who answered the call, those who worked and fought under trying conditions of terrain and climate, and those who gave their lives for freedom.

Now, the veterans of the Korean War are invited to the Nation's Capital to a weekend of special events and activities to commemorate National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day, Sunday, July 27, 2003.

Starting Friday, July 25, veterans can renew old acquaintances, visit embassies of nations which sent troops to the Korean War, see a USO-type stage show with music from the era, attend a wreath-laying and memorial ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery, go to a star-studded gala at the MCI Center, join a victory march along Constitution Avenue and attend a closing ceremony at the Korean War Veterans Memorial.

Veterans and their families planning to attend may make hotel reservations by calling 800-554-2220, ext. 102 and using code KWV50.

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THE KOREAN WAR VETERANS MEMORIAL in Washington, DC, will be the scene of a ceremony to commemorate National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day on July 27.

Volunteering as grandparents

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Sometimes older really is better. As more and more baby boomers reach retirement age, many are joining the ranks of America's volunteers.

Already, Volunteers of America reports about one-third of its roughly 60,000 volunteers are seniors.

Those seniors help with a wide variety of Volunteers of America's human service programs in more than 40 states.

"Seniors are a wonderful resource," said Charles Gould, president of Volunteers of America. "Especially in our work with children, senior volunteers bring with them an invaluable store of experience, wisdom, and compassion."

Some seniors have volunteered for a job that older people are particularly good at-being grandparents. Under Volunteers of America's Foster Grandparents Program in Colorado, 169 low-income seniors mentor, support, and tutor 4,200 at-risk children.

The foster grandparents give one-on-one attention to children struggling with math, reading, and self-esteem. According to the Corporation for National and Community Service, the Foster Grandparents Program has about 30,000 senior volunteers nationwide.

Senior volunteers in the Foster Grandparents Program must be at least 60 years old, live on a limited income, and be able to volunteer 20 hours a week. They receive a modest stipend of $200 a month in tax-free income in the Colorado program for their work at 73 "volunteer stations" clude schools, child-care and hospitals.

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SOME SENIORS have volunteered to be grandparents.

One of those senior vol Neva Nogrady, 68, wor preschoolers at a Head St gram in Lakewood, Colo.

So absorbed was Nog her volunteer work that rolled in two child devel courses at Red Rock C nity College.

"I wanted to know teachers did what they d the children," she said

Another volunteer, Bo tinez, worked with phy and developmentally c children at an elementary for 18 years, until he re tired from the Foster Gr ent Program at the age

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Secrets

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"The theory of it is to recognize basic flavors; understanding salty, bitter, sweet and sour," Young said.

"Then we talk about how salt combines with bitter, or fat combines with bitter, for instance. We use radicchio, taste it plain, then sprinkle salt on it, taste it, then add lemon juice and taste it again.

"Most lettuces are bitter eaten on their own, but when you introduce salt and oil and vinegar it changes the flavor components."

Young says that by understanding basic components of flavor, it is easier to rethink ingredients outside of their traditional uses. One example is Young's oatmeal cookies made with garam masala, the Indian spice blend typically used in curries or other savory dishes.

But the spice makes sense, she said.

"Garam masala has a lot of sweet spices in it like cloves and cinnamon and black pepper. I think putting black pepper alone in a cookie is not necessarily appealing, but when you look at all the ingredients together in there, it makes sense."

So don't just leave it up to the chefs to play with their food. Interested cooks can try their own concoctions. Consider matching up flavors that had not seemed compatible before — think of it as a blind date for your food — and see what happens.

It could be good, it could be bad, but it certainly won't be boring.

Serve this recipe, adapted from one by chef Paul Wildermuth of Chicago's Opera restaurant, with steamed rice, Asian noodles or even lettuce cups for a fresh presentation.

BRAISED PORK WITH COCOA

1 pork shoulder roast, about 4-½ pounds
4 teaspoons salt
Freshly ground pepper
2 tablespoons peanut oil
6 cans (14 ½ ounces each) chicken broth
½ cup each: brown sugar, soy sauce
½ white onion, thinly sliced
3 green onions, thinly sliced
3 cloves garlic, minced
3 whole star anise, see note
2 dried arbol or other hot chilies
1 piece (2 inches long) ginger root, peeled, thinly sliced
½ teaspoon whole black peppercorns
¼ cup cornstarch
2 teaspoons Dutch-process cocoa powder
½ cup plum or rice wine

1. Season the pork with 2 teaspoons of the salt and freshly ground pepper to taste. Heat the oil over high heat in a large Dutch oven; sear the meat on all sides until well-browned, about 3 minutes per side.

Add the broth, brown sugar, soy sauce, onions, garlic, star anise, chilies, ginger, peppercorns and remaining 2 teaspoons of the salt. Heat to boiling; reduce heat to simmer. Cover; cook until fork tender, about 3 hours.

2. Remove meat from liquid; set aside on a platter. Increase heat to high; boil liquid uncovered until it reduces by one-fourth, about 20 minutes. Strain liquid; return liquid to Dutch oven.

Combine cornstarch, cocoa powder and plum wine in a small bowl. Whisk into liquid. Heat to a boil; cook, stirring, until thick, about 2 minutes. Shred meat with a fork or hands; return meat to sauce. Cook until heated through, about 1 minute.

Test kitchen note: Star anise is an element of Chinese five-spice powder. Look for it whole in Asian aisles of the supermarket or in Chinese food markets.

Preparation time: 15 minutes, cooking time: 3 hours, 45 minutes, makes 8 servings.

Ina Pinkney, owner of Ina's restaurant in the Randolph Street corridor, has a hit with these pancakes served on the weekend. Serve with maple syrup or butter.

GINGERBREAD PANCAKES

1 cup flour
½ cup each: sugar, potato starch, see note
¼ cup whole-wheat flour
1 teaspoon each: baking soda, ground ginger
½ teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon each: ground cloves, ground mustard, pumpkin pie spice
2 cups buttermilk
½ cup sour cream
2 eggs
¼ cup vegetable oil
2 tablespoons molasses

1. Sift together the flour, sugar, potato starch, whole-wheat flour, baking soda, ginger, salt, cloves, mustard and pumpkin pie spice in large mixing bowl; set aside. Combine buttermilk, sour cream, eggs, oil and molasses in a large bowl; stir into flour mixture.

2. Heat an oiled griddle or skillet over medium-high heat. Heat oven to 200 degrees. Pour ¼ cup of the batter onto griddle for each pancake. Cook until batter bubbles, about 3 minutes; turn. Cook 1 minute. Place pancakes, uncovered, on oven-safe platter in the oven until all pancakes are done.

Test kitchen note: Look for potato starch in the natural food section or baking section of supermarkets. You also can order potato starch in 1-pound packages ($3.50, plus shipping) from kingarthur.com

Preparation time: 15 minutes
Cooking time: 4 minutes per batch
Yield: 20 (3-inch) pancakes

This interesting recipe, adapted from "Simple Cuisine," by Jean-Georges Vongerichten, has a deep earthiness that could fool diners into thinking it is a meat sauce.

The author suggests serving this with lamb or fish. This may be made ahead and refrigerated or frozen. Because of the difficulty of accurately calculating nutrition information, we omitted it here.

MUSHROOM SYRUP

2 tablespoons unsalted butter
1 pound white button mushrooms, quartered
½ teaspoon salt
Freshly ground pepper
2 shallots, sliced
1 clove garlic, halved
2 tablespoons minced parsley

1. Heat butter over medium-high heat in a pan large enough to hold mushrooms in a single layer. Add mushrooms, salt and pepper to taste. Cook, stirring constantly, until mushrooms are deep brown and have caramelized, 15-20 minutes.

2. Stir in shallots, garlic, parsley and just enough water to cover mushrooms; scrape up any browned mushroom bits clinging to pan. Boil mushrooms over medium-high heat 15 minutes. Strain through a fine mesh strainer, pressing down on vegetables; discard vegetables.

Return broth to pan; cook over medium-high heat until reduced to a syrup, about 10 minutes. You should end up with no more than ½ cup.

Preparation time: 15 minutes. cooking time: 45 minutes, makes ½ cup.

These yummy cookies, from a recipe taught to students at The Chopping Block, get a punch from an Indian spice mix.

GARAM MASALA OATMEAL COOKIES

1-½ cups each: regular or quick-cooking oats, flour
1 cup golden raisins
1 teaspoon garam masala, see note
½ teaspoon each: baking soda, baking powder, salt
1 stick (½ cup) unsalted butter, room temperature
½ cup each: granulate packed dark brown sugar
2 eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla

1. Heat oven to 350 Combine the oats, flour garam masala, baking soda powder and salt in a medi set aside.

2. Beat together butter ars in a large bowl of a mixer on medium spe creamy. Add eggs, one a beating until light and fluff

Add vanilla; stir in flour until just combined. Scoop tablespoons of dough onto baking sheets; flatten slig until golden, 12 minutes. wire racks.

Test kitchen note: Gara is a spice blend commonl Indian cooking. Look for spice aisle of supermarket dian grocery stores.

Preparation time: 15 cooking time: 12 minutes makes 2 dozen cookies

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si, a high-end builder, said it me research to decide what nt and what looks good. But no shortage of places to for ideas. Stores, library and even grocery checkouts ked with home-improvement chitectural magazines and The Internet and television great sources.

e special details might look gant, they don't have to break k. For example, decorative appliqués that can be used to dress up kitchen cabinets or a fireplace front are available at places like lumber companies, home improvement stores and shops that carry craft supplies. Depending on the size, they can be bought for as little as $30 a pair or less.

Adding corbels is another detail

> Detail — it's what makes a home unique.

that catches the eye. A poured, plaster corbel that's sometimes used in million dollar homes, Crasi said, can be purchased for as little as $50 apiece from the Fischer & Jirouch Company in Cleveland, Ohio.

Columns are all the rage these days. A drywall bump-out — or column — that's about three inches deep by 10 inches wide is an economical way to create an eloquent look. Then there are PermaCast columns used for both structural and decorative purposes. The standard size columns are about 12 inches wide and relatively inexpensive.

Crasi, who is a member of the National Association of Home Builders and offers a seminar titled "Affordable Million Dollar Details," said special features don't have to be expensive to look good.

"It's all about understanding what the details should look like," he said. "If it looks like an original, historical detail, generally it will look more expensive."

If you are remodeling a kitchen or building a new home, consider using stock cabinets, with a twist. For example, crown molding and cabinets staggered at different heights will give your kitchen a unique look. For an expensive look, some homeowners install lights above the cabinets. While the low voltage lights can be a little pricey, Crasi said, simple rope lighting can create a similar effect.

"Install a switch with a dimmer and a plug on the top of the cabinets," Crasi explained. "It costs next to nothing, but looks expensive."

If you're constructing a new home, take extra care to design the house exactly the way you want it. Think about bookshelves, plate racks and a special little alcove for that antique piece of furniture grandma gave you. While you want special details in the new home, make certain not to go too far overboard.

"One 'Wow!' factor for each room," Crasi said, "is generally enough."

Research books

- "A Field Guide to American Homes," by Virginia and Lee McAlester.
- "American Houses of the Gilded Age," by Arnold Lewis.
- "Architectural Treasures of Early America," National Historical Society.
- "Country Houses and Seaside Cottages of the Victoria Era," by William Cornstock.
- "Greene & Greene: Masterworks," by Bruce Smith and Alexander Vertikoff.
- "The Bungalow and Inside the Bungalow," both books by Paul Duchscherer and Douglas Keister.
- "Period Details," by Martin and Judith Miller.
- "100 Turn-of-the-Century Brick Bungalows," by Rogers and Manson.

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DESIGNER DIANA EPPS uses columns in several areas of her home in Columbia, South Carolina.

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Trash or treasure?

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Don't trash that smelly old fishing tackle box. It might hold thousands of dollars in hidden treasures.

Nearly every American over 40 has something worth $50 to $1,500 that he or she thinks is trash, says antiques expert Tony Hyman, author of 16 books on collecting.

Surprising valuables include briar pipes, bowling shirts, lace scraps, perfume bottles, children's marbles, detective novels, costume jewelry, electric guitars, postcard collections, catalogs, phonograph records, pottery vases, wind-up toys, teddy bears, canning jars, political buttons, metal lunchboxes, bobbing head dolls and 1960s baseball gloves.

Unfortunately, most people don't know which items are valuable, what they're worth or where to sell them. The secret of turning this "junk" into cash, says Hyman, is finding the people who want it and are willing to pay well for it.

While millions of people collect stamps, less than a dozen compete for items in most hobbies. Buyers of cigar boxes, match covers and Transformers are hard to locate. Finding these specialty buyers can be worthwhile.

In 20 years on television and radio, Hyman has helped hundreds of thousands of people. He told a radio caller in Detroit how to get $176,000 for a baseball uniform. A listener in Des Moines, IA followed Hyman's advice and got $18,000 for a $6 carving from an unclaimed storage locker. And, one Kansas City woman discovered the sword on her wall was worth $25,000.

That same information that helped them is available in print. "The Trash or Treasure Guide to the Best Buyers" (10th ed.) gives tips on identifying and selling everything from action figures to meteorites to Zippo(R) lighters. Included are 600-plus pages of names, addresses, phone numbers and e-mail addresses of people ready to evaluate what you have and pay cash for it.

Available by mail, Hyman's "Guide to the Best Buyers" is only $29.95 plus $5 p/h from Treasure Hunt, Box 3028-JM, Shell Beach, CA 93448. Visa/MC orders call 805-773-6777 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Pacific.

Tips include what people want, how to describe things, how to handle estates and a special expanded section on selling jewelry. Readers will learn how to sell newspapers, dolls, watches, china, magazines, and more. The who, what and how of 1,100 categories are covered.

"Don't dispose of anything more than 15 years old without first getting good free advice," suggests Hyman. "Even Grandma's cast iron cookware might put $1,000 in your pocket."

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Achieving a new balance in your life

BY EDWARD M. EVELD AND LISA GUTIERREZ
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — A life in balance. What would that look like?

People seeking balance in their lives know what it isn't: 12-hour workdays, missed meals, haywire schedules, exhaustion as a way of life.

It's also not: grocery trips on the fly, peanut-butter suppers in the minivan, saying yes when you wish you could say no, no when you want to say yes.

A balanced life is a life that's been examined through your own lens of life values and/or goals — family time, community work, career, to name a few — then re-ordered to reflect those values.

Some people come to think about life balance during times of crisis. They've lost a job or grown tired of one, gotten a divorce or have entered those middle years that bring on the question, "Is this all there is?"

Others just want sanity, if not serenity. They turn to friends or professionals such as ministers, psychologists, licensed counselors and "life coaches," who help people examine their lives and realign their schedules.

Indeed, defining life balance is an exercise in self-analysis and then making choices, said Christy Donner, a Blue Springs, Mo., life coach. People say they feel trapped, Donner said, "but the truth of the matter is, it's their choice."

The stress of world events is prompting people to recognize and try to manage the stress in their personal lives. Life coaches say motivated people can make dramatic life changes but note that they won't, however, attain an absolute or pure balance. It's a continuing process.

Here are four personal stories about that process.

Sheri Hubbard

The few moments Sheri Hubbard has for herself are stolen ones. Lock the bathroom door, slip into a hot bath. Ahhhh.

Then it's back on the merry-go-round of life for this stay-at-home mom.

Up at 8 a.m., wake the kids. Does everyone have their homework ready? Quick, make lunches.

After the school bus pulls away, make beds, vacuum and dust the family's five-bedroom home, plan dinner, run errands.

Then Mike, her husband, calls. Can you grab that bag of concrete from the garage and bring it to the work site?

As her energy ebbs, the busiest part of her day begins when everyone gets home from work and school and she feels "like my string is ready to snap."

Before she sat down recently at her home with life coach Marilyn O'Hearne, Hubbard said her days felt unbalanced. So much time spent on everyone else, none left for her.

Wouldn't her husband like it, she wondered, if for once he didn't come home to find her in her uniform of baggy shirt, sweat pants and no makeup?

"I'm at work 24/7, and it never stops," said 29-year-old Hubbard, mother of three grade-schoolers and stepmother of a teen. "I guess I could take time out for myself, but then I'd feel guilty."

What's missing for you, Sheri, O'Hearne said, is the focus on you, which is pretty typical for a mom.

At first Hubbard resisted the idea of carving "me" time out of her day because she feared chores piling up. Guilt held her back, too.

With gentle prodding, Hubbard ventured that "maybe I could take a couple of hours out in the afternoon. I could do that. Try. Could try."

"Could try doesn't sound very convincing," O'Hearne told her.

Maybe I could try it three days a week, Hubbard said.

O'Hearne handed her a piece of paper to list things she could do for herself with free time. Hubbard wrote, "shopping, lunch out, yard work."

Still, she worried: What about the work left undone? How much do the children help around the house? O'Hearne asked.

None, because it's not their job, Hubbard replied. She feels privileged to stay at home, like her own mother did. Mommy-hood is her career.

Yet an epiphany came as she described how much fun she'd had recently doing yard work with her 9-year-old daughter. O'Hearne encouraged her to keep letting the kids help out.

Before leaving, O'Hearne had Hubbard pencil in breaks on her calendar. On Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, Hubbard wrote: "12 to 1 _ free."

"What's different at bedtime, if you've had time for yourself, is you're going to be calmer, more patient, more joyful," O'Hearne said.

Scott Wilson

Once a punctual person, Scott Wilson of Parkville, Mo., noticed about eight months ago he was showing up late for everything. Ten minutes. Fifteen minutes. Twenty minutes.

"No matter what I did, no matter how I planned, I was late," Wilson said.

It bugged him. Actually, he hated it. But he didn't have to ponder long to understand it. He had left a well-paid job in the insurance industry to form his own agency. He was in the last throes of a sometimes acrimonious custody battle for his 3-year-old son, Caleb. Becoming a full-time, single dad was new territory at age 44.

His income was dropping and his legal bills mounting.

Former clients would call for assistance, and Wilson felt obligated to help. Caleb needed to be picked up from school on time, needed baths and healthy meals, needed fun time with dad in the evening. Planning for his new business got slighted week after week.

He decided to seek help from someone on the outside who could look in. Life coach Christy Donner was a former colleague he trusted, so he turned to her. Through self-analysis tests, he found he's a loyal person who likes to serve others. Good attributes, usually. But they were part of the reason Wilson lost focus on his new business. He was spending too much unpaid time assisting former clients.

Donner asked him to set goals at the start of the week, and they would talk on the phone Sunday night to see how he did. It was structure Wilson said he needed. One week he set seven goals. Several were untouched by the end of the week. Donner told him to pare the list to a realistic three or four.

By keeping a careful, hourly tab of how he spent his time, Wilson realized too many intrusions — mostly phone calls — were cutting into time with Caleb between 6 and 8 p.m. Wilson's solution was to declare those hours off-limits. He monitors phone calls, choosing in most cases to let the answering machine do its job.

Wilson also discovered Nintendo matches with Caleb were contributing to his son going to bed late, not to mention crowding out other activities. His solution was to limit Nintendo to weekend play and to slate weekday evenings for playing catch, going for a walk or reading together.

Wilson also made changes at work. Answering e-mail was devouring time at work and much of it was unnecessary. He put out the word that he would do limited business via e-mail.

Because of a tendency to procrastinate, Wilson decided he would schedule a 9 a.m. appointment as often as possible. That would help him reduce the number of slow-starting work days.

Wilson says his life is in much better balance, but it's hardly perfect. For one thing, he'd like to recapture some semblance of a social life.

"I was a workaholic," he admitted. "I worked my fanny off to avoid emotional issues."

That will come, Wilson feels certain. He's buoyed by his success toward two goals: making quality time for his son and building a new business.

His company opened its doors June 1. And he and Caleb, who turned 4 in January, have found a comfortable routine. Most days Wilson feels solidly in control.

"I've discovered a strength I didn't know I had," he said.

Sharon Huffman

Sharon Huffman felt overwhelmed, but for a while she didn't know it showed.

It did.

"People noticed," Huffman said. "They were saying, `You're looking tired all the time.' "

That's because she was tired: handling a full-time job, being mom to her 8-year-old daughter and helping to care for her mother, who had health problems. Add to that a relationship that had blossomed into an engagement. Was there a way to arrange things so life wasn't so chaotic?

"It seemed like I was meeting myself at the door," she said. "I thought I needed to find out what was important and cut out the rest."

She hooked up with life coach Donner, who told Huffman to come up with her cherished values or life goals, the broad categories of life most important to her.

Huffman, 39, found the exercise enlightening. It pointed her in definite directions. Her list began with "security" — everything from financial security to feeling secure about decision-making.

Next she identified "health," a category, in the rush of daily life, she felt she was ignoring. The issue had taken on added importance after her father's death several years ago and her mother's recent health problems.

Another was "family." She wanted time for her daughter's activities and for her fiancé. She wanted to be there for her mother.

And finally, "enjoyment." As life got busier, it seemed someone had yanked away the fun part. She didn't want to miss the good parts of life.

The more she contemplated these ideas the more certain she was of this: "Time is the big thing."

Huffman knew her job was taking its toll in time and stress. She spent the day on the phone with mostly unhappy business insurance clients. She had to work, of course. But could she work less and get by with less money? She locked in on the idea that adults did have choices, that they shouldn't settle for feeling trapped.

"I'm choosing to run myself ragged," she thought. "I've got to take control."

She asked her supervisors if she could work a reduced schedule. They told her she was a valued employee, and they agreed to a 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. schedule and fewer accounts to handle.

The change — a little less stress every day, including avoiding rush hour traffic — made all the difference.

"My mother noticed it immediately. She said, `You're a completely different person.' "

She feels good about being more available to her daughter, Kristen, to her mother and to her fiancé, Vincenzo Cancilla. An avid reader, she gets to pick up a book every once in awhile _ and to actually finish it.

"I'm a little more available for me, too," Huffman said.

Wanda Johnson

Sometimes, achieving balance in life doesn't have anythin the mundaneness of da

Sometimes, as Wang discovered, it means po evaluating one's mission is my job here on Earth? I should be doing with m

An outside observer o life would say she has lit trol. At 47, she has a go manager with the Environ tection Agency in Kansa

She owns a success pair service, A&E Auto managed by her husb years, Jay. Her two sons educated; one is a dent

Johnson had just en a new avocation as a speaker when she met Marilyn O'Hearne in the 2001.

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e idea comes from Fred Noe, grandson of famed bourbon Jim Beam.

ike my fish to have a little o adding a splash or two of on is going to wake up some flavors," Noe told me. "Our on is aged in charred oak s and the salmon takes on ody flavor."

r the side dish of rosemary potato and beans, check produce department for fresh beans that are already ed and ready to cook. re slightly more expensive, e time savings is worth the

Helpful hints

- Any type of bourbon can be used.
- The sauce should be kept at a simmer. If it becomes too thick, add a little water; if too thin, cook it for a few minutes after the salmon has been removed.
- Bourbon is available in small bottles called splits.

Countdown

- Start potatoes and beans.
- While potatoes saute, make salmon.
- Finish potatoes.

Fred Tasker's wine suggestion

A fruity pinot noir would be great with this.

BOURBON-GLAZED SALMON

¼ cup fat-free, low-sodium chicken broth
¼ cup bourbon
3 tablespoons tomato paste
3 tablespoons honey
Salt and freshly ground pepper
¾ pound salmon fillet

Stir together the broth, bourbon, tomato paste and honey in a medium skillet on medium-high heat. When it comes to a simmer, add the salmon.

Keeping the sauce at a low simmer, cook the salmon 3 minutes; turn and cook 3 more minutes. The sauce will cook to a glaze.

Divide salmon between 2 dinner plates and spoon glaze on top. Makes 2 servings.

ROSEMARY GARLIC POTATOES AND BEANS

3 teaspoons olive oil (divided use)
½ pound new or red potatoes cut into ½-inch cubes
½ pound string beans, trimmed and cut into 1-inch pieces
2 medium garlic cloves, crushed
½ teaspoon dried rosemary
Salt and freshly ground pepper

Heat 2 teaspoons oil in a large nonstick skillet on medium-high heat. Add potatoes.

Saute 10 minutes, tossing several times. Add the beans and garlic and continue to saute 5 minutes, tossing several times.

Remove from heat and add the remaining 1 teaspoon oil, rosemary and salt and pepper to taste. Toss well. Makes 2 servings.

Recipes developed by Linda Gassenheimer for the Miami Herald.

Tips on finding balance

BY EDWARD M. EVELD
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Getting started on life balance

Here are a few self-analysis tools to start your process toward life balance:

1. Make a list of your top eight life values or principles. These can include categories such as home, career, spirituality, fun and adventure, money, health, relationships and personal growth.

2. Draw a circle — your "wheel of life." Divide it into eight sections, each with a label representing your life values. Size the sections to represent the focus and time you spend on each.

3. Now draw a new wheel and re-size the sections to reflect the way you want your life to be ordered.

4. Start a journal to help you think through the changes you want to make and to chronicle your progress. The earliest entries could be a pair of lists suggested by best-selling author Cheryl Richardson: Call the first list "What drains me" and write five things that drain your energy, such as a whiny friend or a cluttered desk.

Call the second list "What fuels me." These are the things that fuel your energy, keep you motivated, such as a supportive sibling or evening walks.

5. In chart form, make a day-to-day schedule to inventory your time over a week. It's important to account for all 24 hours of each day. For example, you might write: Monday — 7 hours sleep, 1 hour grooming, 10 hours work and commute time, 1 hour children's homework, 1 hour television.

You might find some activities chew up more time than you think. You might find wasted time you can reclaim.

6. Now create a new chart that reflects the way you want each day to go. Block out your personal time first.

7. Choose a person or a small group of friends to regularly talk about "life balance" — this can be done on the phone — and to discuss progress in making changes. They can keep you focused, recognize your roadblocks and help you celebrate successes.

8. Use these self-analysis tools every day as you make decisions about how to spend your time. If a charitable project comes up and your goal is to spend more time on community work, the answer is "yes." If your whiny friend wants to get together during time you scheduled at the gym, the answer is "no."

Here's help for finding balance

Life coaches: Hiring a coach is one option for getting help with life balance. The coaches mentioned in our stories are members of the International Coach Federation, a professional group.

The group's Web site, www.coachfederation.org, offers a referral service.

Coaches meet with clients by phone or in person and often ask for a three-month commitment to work together. Fees vary.

Books by Cheryl Richardson, best-selling lifestyle author: "Take Time for Your Life, A 7-Step Program for Creating the Life You Want," $13.95 and "Life Makeovers, 52 Practical & Inspiring Ways to Improve Your LIfe One Week at a Time," $12.95.

poet? Let me know it

BY JANE GLENN HAAS
THE ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER

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older to enter. Write pithy poems; Homeric epics are discouraged. Avoid the word "geezer," because the judge (that's me) doesn't like the word "geezer." Do not rhyme "Niagara" and "Viagra," because one year we received 64 entries rhyming those two words.

Send your poems to: Contest, Jane Glenn Haas, The Orange County Register, 625 N. Grand Ave., Santa Ana, CA 92612.

Or fax Haas at 714-796-5052.

Please do not e-mail entries.

Enter as many times as you like. Deadline is Aug. 18. Winning poems will be published Sept. 14. Four winners receive $25 Barnes & Noble gift certificates. Decisions of the judge (that's me) are final.

You can write about bodily functions if it's in good taste. One year, an entry was, "It's not the creakin', It's the leakin'."

You can write about sex, if it's in good taste. As in:

The question I'm asked:
"Do you still have sex?"
And I never mind to say,
"Being now as we're both seventy-two,
It's only once a day."
(Eunice White, Rosamond, Calif.)

You can write about new-agey aging. As in:

I thought that I would never be
So old that I would do tai chi
In groups at dawn in public places
With no expression on our faces.
This dance is done by fools like me
In hopes of immortality.
(Victor and Virginia Dale, Buena Park, Calif.)

You can write about age, if you keep your sense of humor. As in this verse (sung to the tune of "Are You Lonesome Tonight?"):

Are you 70 today?
Is your hair turning gray?
Do you feel the years slipping away?
Do you get aches and pains
Every time that it rains?
Is it hard to hear what people say?
Does your rocking chair beckon inside your front door?
Do you find reading newsprint ain't easy no more?
Can you recall today
What you did yesterday?
Happy birthday, you're 70 today.
(Carmela Glenn, Paramus, N.J.)

But most of all, please keep your wit(s) about you, as in this winner by Dick Kieffer of Liverpool, N.Y.:

A professor named Gary Gemieckly
Scores sex drive decline most uniquely
He says as a man ages
He goes through three stages:
Tri-weakly.
Try-weekly.
Try-weakly.

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The (Nearly) Fit Guy: For all that diets promise, exercise usually delivers

BY STEVE DAVIS
THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS

I sometimes make a funny in my writing about humans' ability to learn from their mistakes, about how that separates us from the lesser beasts.

But it's just hyperbole, see. The truth about this is that I really don't know what distinguishes us from four-legged friends, crawling critters, etc. As far as I know, it really is, as one joke goes, our ability to accessorize.

But I do know that it can't be our ability to gain from our mistakes — because we really don't.

Let's say you have a doggie, and feisty little Fido wanders out into the street where he loses a dust-up with a four-wheeled beast.

Let's just say little Fido survives this ill-fated challenge, but needs a little time in the doggie hospital to recover and emerges one little doggie leg lighter.

You rename him "Tripod."

Well, the guess here is that little Tripod will never, ever get near that mean ol' street again. See, the dog learns from its mistakes.

But humans don't.

I read a teaser to a story about something called the South Beach diet.

Oh, my.

For me, the word "diet" is like a nightstick to the noggin. "Why, oh why," I immediately think, as the headache commences, "do we continually dip into the dieting well of failure and despair?"

Now, I'm not criticizing this particular plan because, frankly, I know nothing about it. It may well be a smooth entrance ramp to the highway of shiny, happy health.

It's just that sometimes the ubiquitous dieting menace gets exhausting. A cloud of gloom and despair falls over The (Nearly) Fit Guy at every ambush of the newest diet revolution. For me, these fad diets of the moment are like vampires — they absolutely suck the life right out of me.

(Note to self: Check into hiring that chubby, fastidious msn.com blue hero to hang around and smite any evil, deflating diet talk before it becomes personally hazardous.)

How about this: Every time you see the word "diet," you try to think "exercise." Don't just eschew the Biggy Fries; get out and bend it like Beckham. Or get out and do something.

I'm not saying that exercise allows carte blanche on the food front. No amount of exercise will help if you're constantly setting personal records at the Go For It Buffet and Bar.

One more time: Mostly, it's all about activity and variety and moderation in eating.

I hate to be all preachy and get up in people's grilles about this stuff. But in my book, the definition of "diet" may as well be "A hopelessly flawed plan for the easy way out."

Generally speaking, it's a one-word fix designed to combat weeks or months or years of poor eating or unhealthy habits with a few days or weeks of some tricked-up dietary dash for quick cash.

Another big problem: Too often when I see the word "diet," unless it's being used interchangeably with words such as "healthy eating," then it's usually not far from its more insidious, often capitalized cousins, other words that I abhor, such as phentermine or Xenical or any of the other versions of flushing fat through better chemistry. I called up a Web site that details some 47 weight-loss or dieting books, most of them of fairly recently published. Some, at least, seemed more sensible, edging toward the "healthy eating" side of the weight-loss continuum, but 47 of them? Can any of them really be that different?

One is a "tell-all dieting e-book that reveals weight loss secrets you were never intended to [illegible] balances the most curre[illegible] strategies with cutting-ed[illegible] loss techniques used [illegible] builders, and combines [illegible] practicality to provide [illegible] solution!"

Secrets? Cutting-ed[illegible] loss techniques?

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So, say it again, alo[illegible] fail."

"Healthy lifestyles ro[illegible]

Suffice it to say, if fo[illegible] think more about being [illegible] as their relative age and [illegible] lows, and less about ho[illegible] pounds quickly via the [illegible] dieting gambit, The (N[illegible] Guy would lead a less [illegible] life.

How to look better up front — curb appeal

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AKRON, Ohio — Most of us have a favorite house that we enjoy driving past. It's the kind of home that's so inviting we long to take a peek behind the freshly painted front door. The owners have paid special attention to things like lighting, flower beds and squeaky-clean windows.

The home has curb appeal. While it's a trendy expression, the term has been around a long time in the real estate business. It's used to describe the initial impression when approaching a property for the first time. Folks like Sue Prieto, manager of Realty One in Green, Ohio, say first impressions count.

"You know the old saying 'never judge a book by its cover?' Unfortunately, with a house — we do," Prieto said. "Many people will drive by a house (that's for sale), but won't go inside if it just doesn't look right on the outside."

Whether you're thinking of placing your house on the market, or planning to pass it on to your children as part of their inheritance, you naturally want your home to look its best. To help snazz up your home's curb appeal, here are a few tips from local experts.

A welcoming entry: "The front door is the invitation to your home," said Stow, Ohio, architect, John D. Toomey.

Try a fresh coat of paint or additional trim work around the door. You can even accent the entry with period lighting. For example, if you have a colonial home, consider carriage lamps.

There's a multitude of new doors available including those with beveled glass, others that are embossed, and dozens that are energy efficient — yet attractive. Toomey suggests going to your local home-improvement store and viewing doors on display.

Remember, Toomey said: "The front door is the expression of the person who lives within."

■ Spruce up the grounds: Trim shrubs so that doors and windows aren't hidden, add a little color with flowers and don't forget the trees.

Large lots with wide frontages require large growing trees that when located correctly will frame the house — similar to a frame surrounding a painting, said Tom Dayton, of Dayton Nurseries Inc. in Norton, Ohio.

"Small trees, such as the eastern redbud, flowering crab apples and dogwoods, among others, irradiate an otherwise boring yard with a rainbow of colors in the springtime."

■ Paint: Power washing will help clean off some of the winter crud. Remember, peeling paint is a real turnoff so take care of the cosmetics.

If you're thinking of painting your entire house and know what shade you want, Cheryl Zajaczkowski, decorative product specialist at Sherwin Williams, said almost any color and design consultant can help match the paint. Don't forget the garage doors. That's an area people often overlook. As far as paint colors, traditional shades such as off white or light grays are always a safe bet. Trendy colors, Zajaczkowski said, will begin to lose their popularity after about two years.

Bright sun can fade out some exterior colors, particularly paint that has red or yellow in it. Still, Zajaczkowski said, there's some fairly new paint that has been reformulated to withstand bright sunlight. Ask about it when you visit the paint store.

People are spending lots of time on their porches and decks — and if they face the street and are in need of care, it can make the entire house look bad.

"Make certain to treat them every two or three years with a product such as Cuprinol," Zajaczkowski said. "On the off years, clean it with a good deck cleaner."

■ Making a big change: If you want to make a major difference to the front of your house, consider adding cultured stone — a cast concrete product that looks like real stone. Greg O'Connor, sales manager and marketing director for DH&L in Wadsworth, Ohio, said while it can be a do-it-yourself project for someone who's extremely handy, a local building center could refer you to a contractor.

"When you put stone or brick on the front of the house you are changing the focal point from the street," said O'Connor. Before the work was done, "people may been looking at the shrubbery, a door or a light. All of a sudden, you made a dramatic change and the background that you put on the house becomes the focal point from the street."

■ Exterior lighting: A small thing like replacing a burned-out bulb in a lamppost can make a big difference. Architect Toomey suggests placing lights at the bottom of trees and shining them upward.

"I don't like spotlights shining on a house," he said, "but I like to enhance landscaping with lighting."

■ Accessorize: Kickplates look very nice on traditional colonial homes, said Bob Housley, who is a retired designer from Chez-Del Home Furnishings and Interior Design in Akron, Ohio. But [illegible] from the thin, metal pla[illegible] to the bottom of a door, [illegible] you have a contempora[illegible]

Keep in mind that win[illegible] ments can be seen fro[illegible] side of the house, so p[illegible] attention to those details [illegible] dows should be clean [illegible] have shades, it's importa[illegible] them at the same heigh[illegible] out the house. Avoid she[illegible] ample, that are different [illegible] such as blue in one win[illegible] red in another.

"There needs to be so[illegible] of unity," Housley explain[illegible]

Doorknobs, a new ma[illegible] lights are all ways to d[illegible] house without spendin[illegible] money.

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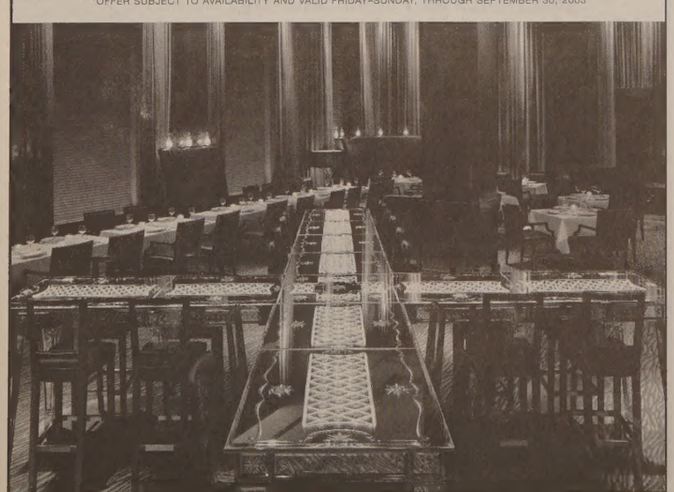

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